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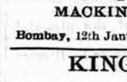

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Bombay, 9th January, 1900.

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M. N. WADIA,
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Bombay, 11th January, 1900.

PROCLAMATION.—BOMBAY TO WIT.—By virtue of a Precept to me directed, I hereby proclaim and give notice, that the FIRST SESSIONS of 1900 of Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, will be holden before the High Court of Judicature at Bombay, at the Court House, on FRIDAY, the SECOND DAY, of February, 1900, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the trial of all Treasons, Murders and other Felonies, Perjury, Trespasses and other Crimes, Misdemeanors and Offences, had, done, or committed within the Town and Island of Bombay, and the limits thereof, and the Factories subordinate thereto; and also to inquire, hear, and determine, in the like manner all Treasons, Murders, Felonies, Forgeries, Perjuries, Crimes, Extortions, Misdemeanors, Offences, Wrongs, and Oppressions had, done, or committed by any of Her Majesty's British Subjects in any of the Territories which now are subject to, or dependent upon, the Government of Bombay, or within any of the Dominions of the Native Princes of India in alliance with the said Government.
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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 36m. Sun sets, 5h. 41m. High water, 8-19m., 9-56a. Low water, 3-9m., 2-39a.
Bombay Volunteer Rifles Cycling Club's Sports.
G. I. P. Railway Gymkhana Sports, Parel, 3 p.m.
University Examination Result, School Final.
Evening Party to Lord and Lady Sandhurst, "Chateau Petit," Warden Road, 9 p.m.
Novelty Theatre, Taylor-Carrington Company.
Music at the Yacht Club, 5-45 p.m.

SCHOOL FINAL EXAMINATION.—The result of the School Final Examination of the Bombay University is to be declared this afternoon.

RETURNED TO WORK.—All the operatives of the Sassoon Alliance Silk Mill, at Victoria Road, who had gone on strike, returned to work this morning on the reduced wages.

THE BAND AT THE ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.—The Band of the 21st Bombay Infantry, Marine Battalion, will play the following programme under the direction of Mr. Maitandaine, Band, Master, commencing at 5-45 p.m :—

March	Our New Commander	Latam
Overture	Die Irrfart Uto's Gluck	Sappe
Selection	La Poupee	Audran
Valse	Oriana	Royle
Selection	Rip Van Winkle	Planquette
Polka	The Dragoons	Fahrbach

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

CAUSING NUISANCE.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Dr. Howell, Divisional Health Officer, prosecuted Mr. Naronji Dwarkadass, on a charge of throwing dirt from the window of his house in Bazaar Gate Street. The defence was that there was no possibility of commiting the alleged nuisance, as the place was used as a temple. The Magistrate remarked that not only was the offence committed, but when the Municipal officers went to discover the offender they were obstructed. The defendant was fined Rs. 25.

ALLEGED CRIMINAL BREACH OF TRUST.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Murray charged Mahomed Ibrahim, a clerk in the Post Office, with criminal breach of trust in respect of a currency note for Rs. 10, entrusted to him by Anna Felice Jovarez, on the 9th instant. Mr. Kazi Kabiruddin, barrister-at-law, defended the accused. The case for the prosecution was that the note in question was enclosed in a letter addressed by the complainant to one Castan Rozario Mendoza residing at Goa. Subsequently the addressee wrote to her that he had received the letter but not the money. Some evidence having been recorded, further hearing was adjourned.

A MENDICANT'S VOW.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Constable Sullivan charged Ramdas Shirswami, a mendicant, with soliciting alms at Vithalwady. It appears from the evidence that the accused went to Mr. Mulji Jetha's house and asked for a sum of Rs. 1,000 as a gift to build a temple up-country. The complainant having refused to grant his request, the accused vowed a *laghan* (to starve himself) until he was paid the amount, and accordingly he laid himself down near the house. He remained there for several days without food, with the result that he was considerably reduced in body. He was warned by the police to leave the place, but he declared his intention to carry out his vow until he got what he wanted. The accused was sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour.

FATAL CONSEQUENCE OF PLAYING WITH A MATCH-BOX.—Mr. Allan F. Turner, the coroner, held an inquiry, yesterday, at the Cama Hospital, regarding the death of Bhagoobai, a Hindu girl, aged about four years. Deceased resided with her parents at Samuel Street, Khaduk. On Saturday afternoon, the girl took a match-box from the house and went out with it to play. She struck a match, which got ignited and set her gown on fire. The burning gyran was pulled off, but not before the girl had been extensively burnt over her right shoulder, right arm and side. The parents applied some ink to the burns and next day conveyed her to the Cama Hospital, where she was admitted. Her condition grew worse, and she died on Wednesday last. A verdict of accidental death from burns was returned by the jury.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—Yesterday, Mr. Allan F. Turner, the coroner, held an enquiry, at the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, on the body of Bhagoo Daji, aged about forty years, who resided at Bhandari Street, Falkland Road. Dhanda, a labourer, deposed that the deceased worked as a labourer at the docks. On Wednesday morning he saw the deceased and another labourer Dowlatya close to a tier of bags of jowari in an open godown in front of the Prince's Dock, eating pan supari, when about fourteen bags gave way and fell on them, burrying both of them. They were extricated from under the bags and were sent to the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, where it was ascertained that they were suffering from fracture of the spine. They were detained for treatment. The deceased died at 5 o'clock in the evening of that day. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

A DOMESTIC SQUABBLE.—At the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, Acting Third Presidency Magistrate, Nanabhai Framji, Hormusji Rustomji Bapty, Mancherji Vakil, and Pirojsha Cowasji Patel appeared to answer charges of criminal trespass, using abusive language and using criminal force, preferred against them by Rustomji Pestonji Rustom-Framna, son-in-law of the first defendant, Mr. Davur, barrister-at-law, with Mr. Kapadia, pleader, prosecuted; while Mr. Hemming appeared for the first accused; Mr. Oliveira, pleader, for the second; and Mr. Da Souza, pleader, for the third. After some arguments between counsels, the accused stated that they denied they had committed an offence, but expressed their regret for going to the house of the complainant on the 30th November last, and undertook that they would not go there again, and molest him in any way. Thereupon the complainant withdrew the case and the accused were discharged.

TAYLOR-CARRINGTON COMPANY.

THE performance of Frolicksome Faust at the Novelty Theatre last night by Mr. Taylor and Miss Carrington's new company served to introduce quite a new style of amusement to Bombay playgoers, and that it was quite to the taste of the audience was fully evidenced by the hearty manner in which it was received. Frolicksome Faust is a very clever piece of literary work, it is full of fun, with quite a Gilbertian flavour in its sarcasm, whilst its smartness in the way of repartee smacks of Burnand. Of its interpretation by the Taylor-Carrington Company we can speak in terms of great praise, though here and there one or two of the members of the company exhibit a roughness of style which contrasts oddly with the finished method of the principals. Miss Carrington as the hero of the Extravaganza played with very considerable effectiveness and extracted all the fun there is in the character without being in the least degree forced or vulgar; during the progress of the piece Miss Carrington wore several very handsome costumes, the one used in the second act being very beautiful. Miss Amy Childs as Marguerite lacked simplicity and naturalness, but the music of the part was exceedingly well rendered. As the comic old widow, Mrs. Pugston, Miss Lee had capital opportunities for comic acting, especially in her scenes with Mr. Taylor, and though she caused a considerable amount of amusement yet the performance of the part was wanting in consistency and volume. Miss Dolly Childs gave a most satisfactory rendering of the fast and slangy Miss Dorcas, and sang the music allotted to her splendidly. Mr. Charlie Taylor as His Nibs gave a capital light comedy interpretation of the part and acted and sang with his usual ease and finish. Mr. Driscoll's performance of the loutish Amos Amble caused very great amusement and his make-up was ludicrous in the extreme. Mr. Seymour and Mr. R. Calcott were acceptable, but the latter gentleman, though very grotesque, was somewhat laboured in his comedy efforts. Mr. George Trimnell who was for so long conductor of Villard's Opera Company, presided at the piano, and it goes without saying that the music was in excellent hands. To-night East Lynne will be produced and as Lady Isabel is one of Miss Carrington's favorite impersonations, lovers of the emotional will doubtless weep to their hearts' contents over the trials and tribulations of Mrs. Henry Wood's unfortunate heroine. We have been requested to announce that the Company will give a matinee performance of Uncle Tom's Cabin on Saturday afternoon for families and schools at specially reduced prices.

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HIGH COURT.—APPELLATE SIDE.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE PARSONS and the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE RANADE.)

MURDER FOR A SILVER WAIST-BAND.

IMPERATRIX VS. GURUSHIDDA BIN CHENVIRAPPA.

THE accused, a young man, appealed from a decision of Mr. R. J. C. Lord, Sessions Judge of Dharwar, who, in November last, convicted the accused of murder and sentenced him to death. The Hon. Mr. Chandawarkar appeared for the accused and the Government Pleader for the Crown.

The accused, a Lingayat, about seventeen years of age, by occupation a workman, residing at Hubli, was charged with murder by intentionally causing the death of a child, named Revanappa, by drowning him in a tank on the 13th October last. The deceased child was about two years of age, and the accused threw him into a tank after removing his silver waist-band. The case for the Crown was that the child was in the habit of playing about the shop of the accused, and as usual was brought there about noon on the day in question. His father saw him there and went home for his meal. After a short time, he went to fetch him and was told that the child was with the accused who was away from his shop, and in consequence he thought no more of the matter, as the accused frequently played with the child. He then went home again, and an hour later began to think of the child again. He went to accused's house, where he saw him. Accused said there was some mistake, as he had not taken the child, but left it playing when he went to the nalla to wash. The father got alarmed and searched for the child till the evening, and then reported the matter to the chief constable. The search went on all night without result. Up to that time no suspicion of the accused appeared to have occurred to anyone. Next morning a witness gave information that he had seen accused carrying the child in the direction of the temple there about noon on the previous day. The accused was sent for, and in consequence of statements he made to the police, he was taken to his backyard, where, from a pile of stones and bricks, he produced the child's silver waist-band. It was fully identified. Accused then said that he would show them the body, and he led them to a tank, where the corpse was found floating, though the water was not deeper than the waist. A foot-print was also found on the damp earth, which, on being examined, was found to correspond with one then made by the accused. The accused was arrested, and the body was sent to the hospital for examination. Two children came forward as witnesses in the case. One of them spoke to having seen accused sitting under a tree by the tank with a child; and the other to seeing accused there alone, sitting smoking. These two witnesses struck the Sessions Judge as too young to have been tutored. The Assistant Surgeon deposed that, in his opinion, the cause of death was drowning, though there was on the neck of the child a small contusion, which he connected with attempted strangulation. The accused, when seen after his arrest, had two scratches on his face, which might have been caused by a child's nails. The Sessions Judge told the jury that the casting of a child of two years into a tank could only be done with intent to kil; and therefore, if the casting was intentional, the crime was murder. Apart from the age of the accused, Mr. Lord said, there was absolutely no reason for passing any but a capital sentence. The murder appeared to have been committed in cold blood. The child could have given no provocation, though he appeared to have scratched the accused's face slightly, perhaps when the ornament was taken from him. Altogether Mr. Lord failed to find any extenuating circumstances, and remarked that if the comparative youth of the accused was a reason for clemency, it was in the power of the High Court to commute the sentence.

Their lordships, on a consideration of all the circumstances, confirmed the sentence of death and dismissed the appeal,—the attention of Government to be drawn to the age of the accused.

Government having declined to interfere, the execution of the convict is to be carried out on the 20th instant.

AHMEDABAD NEWS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

AHMEDABAD, JAN. 10.

MR. CHIMANLAL NAGINDAS SHETH, of the firm of Messrs. Maganbhai Kasturchand and Co., was swindled out of Rs. 40 000, some two years ago, by one Krishnalalji Maharaj. It appeared that the Maharaja wanted a loan of Rs. 40 000, for which he pledged some ornaments of the same value with Mr. Chimanlal. The Maharaja also passed a document, which was signed, sealed, and registered according to the law, which purported to deposit the ornaments, of the value of Rs. 40,000 in lieu of the money received by him. The ornaments, it is said, were placed in a box, which was sealed and delivered to Mr. Chimanlal in the presence of four persons. Suspecting something wrong, Mr. Chimanlal a week ago went to the District Magistrate, with the box, to have it opened before a panch in his presence. Mr. Gibb, the District Magistrate, referred him to the Mamlatdar, in whose presence the box was opened, which happened to contain some stones only. The case is being investigated by the police.

Himatlal Keshavlal, the Chief Constable of Dholera, was charged with three other policemen, with causing the death of one Nathoo Surta by maltreating him severely, in order to extort a confession from him, who was arrested on a charge of theft. The case was tried by Mr. Gibb, the District Magistrate, who, after a lengthy trial, in which twenty witnesses were examined, discharged one and committed the rest to take their trial before the Sessions Court.

Dewan Bahadur Ambalal Sakerlal Desia, M.A., LL.B., was elected by the Guzerat Vernacular Society, as its President, in place of the late Rao Bahadhur Ranchorlal Chotalal. Mr. Ambalal is considered a good educationist on this side of India, having compiled, some years ago, a bulky volume of the English-Guzerati Dictionary with Rev. Mr. McMordie, the late head-master of the Mission School of Ahmedabad. It is gratifying to see that Mr. Ambalal has been recently awarded the title of Dewan Bahadur by the Government, for services rendered by him to the Baroda State as its Chief Justice.

In order to cultivate the art of elocution among native females, the Committee of the Bholanath Ladies' Institute, invited candidates to deliver lectures "extempore" on the following subjects :—(1) The treatment of famine-stricken people and (2) the pernicious habit of beating the breast among natives on the occasion of a death occurring in the family. Five candidates were successful in carrying off the prizes, Miss Ayemal Sorabji Lalkaka and Miss Piroja Edalji Talati returned the prize-money with thanks to the Committee, with a request to add the same to the Institute funds.

MILITARY NOTES.

MAJOR DAWKINS, 26th Field Battery, Shorncliffe, and Major Helyar, 57th Field Battery, Mian Mir, have been permitted to exchange.

Captain Oldfield, on promotion from the 4th Garrison Company, Western Division, Ferozepore, has been posted to the 13th Eastern Division, Bombay.

Captain Lowis, on promotion from No. 7 Mountain Battery, Quetta, has been posted to the 19th Company, Eastern Division, Gibraltar.

Captain Westerman, on promotion from No. 3 Mountain Battery, Bara Gali, has been posted to to the 11th Company, Eastern Division, Gibraltar.

Colonel Ridgeway, V. C. will vacate his appointment as Assistant Adjutant-General on the 17th of February, when he will have completed two years' absence from duty. He intends retiring from the service.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

OPEN SINGLE RACQUETS TOURNAMENTS.

THE Open Racquet Tournament will be played during the Race week commencing on the 12th February. (Race days 10th, 12th, 14th, and 17th).

All Officers of any of the Services and Members of any recognized Club or Gymkhana, are eligible.

The entrance fee for each competitor is Rs. 5 (Rupees five.)

The winner of the Tournament is entitled to hold the Challenge Cup for one year from date of winning or until the next year's winner is declared, and will be presented by the Bombay Gymkhana with a Cup with his name and year engraved thereon, and his name and year will be recorded on a board hung up in the dressing room of the Racquet Court.

The Challenge Cup is not to be taken out of India.

No number of successive victories will entitle the winner to retain the Challenge Cup permanently.

In each round the best of five games will be played.

The ties shall be decided by a lot drawn at such time and in such manner as may be directed by the Racquets Committee of the Bombay Gymkhana.

The matches will be played under the Rules which are posted in the court.

It is requested that the name of those wishing to enter, together with that of the Service, Club, or Gymkhana to which they belong, may be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary Racquets, Bombay Gymkhana, not later than the 5th February 1900, on which date the entries close.

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THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON THURSDAY, THE 11TH OF JANUARY, 1900.

1. The barometric readings are corrected to Calcutta standard, reduced to the same temperature Mo and also to the sea level and corrected to the constant gravity at Lat. 45.

2. The 2nd column under the head 'Wind' gives the average motion of the air in miles per hour during the past 24 hours, and is obtained by dividing the total number of miles of wind registered by an anemometer during the previous 24 hours by 24.

3. The temperatures given in the table are of the air in the shade or in a small shade with open sides and a thatched or straw roof. The maximum (max.) and minimum (min.) temperatures are the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours preceding 8 a.m.

4. The humidity is given as a percentage expressing ratio of the actual amount of moisture in the air to the amount required to saturate it.

STATIONS.	Pressure, 8 A.M.	WIND. Direction.	WIND. Rate per hour.	TEMPERATURE IN SHADE. Maximum of past 24 hours.	TEMPERATURE IN SHADE. Minimum of past 24 hours.	Humidity, 8 A.M.	RAINFALL Past 24 hours.	RAINFALL Since 1st Nov. to date.	RAINFALL Variation, 1st Nov. to date.
Lahore	30·146	Calm	2	71·6	33·2	63	...	0·00	—0·73
Sirsa	30·130	NW	6	70·2	40·6	42	...	0·00	—0·63
Delhi	30·112	W	5	70·7	42·1	40	...	0·00	—0·56
Agra	30·149	SW	4	73·0	44·9	37	...	0·00	—0·35
Cawnpore	30·133	Calm	1	73·7	49·0	48	...	0·00	...
Allahabad	30·133	WNW	4	72·7	40·4	71	...	0·00	—0·79
Jhansi	30·135	WNW	2	74·6	49·2	30	...	0·00	—0·38
Jacobabad	30·135	Calm	1	74·4	36·5	45	...	0·00	—0·27
Karachi	30·138	NE	6	77·4	49·7	32	...	0·18	—0·25
Jeypore	30·199	NNW	3	74·2	38·5	45	...	0·01	—0·45
Ajmere	30·225	N	3	71·1	38·9	44	...	0·00	—0·45
Deesa	30·111	ENE	13	79·5	47·5	21	...	0·00	—0·23
Ahmedabad	30·079	NE	7	82·1	57·2	19	...	0·0	...
Bhuj	30·124	ENE	11	78·3	50·0	38	...	0·00	—0·10
Jamnagar	30·090	NE	13	80·5	50·3	23	...	0·01	...
Rajkot	30·058	ENE	7	80·9	50·0	17	...	0·00	—0·40
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Para	30·051	N	7	81·0	47·2	21	...	0·01	...
Veraval	29·973	NE	4	86·1	58·8	27	...	0·00	...
Neemuch	30·190	NE	6	72·0	44·6	29	...	0·01	0·47
Indore	30·158	Calm	1	77	41·6	38	...	0·00	—0·73
Saugor	30·170	NNE	5	72·2	50·1	28	...	0·00	—1·55
Jubulpore	30·155	Calm	3	74·9	46·9	67	...	0·00	—1·21
Hoshangabad	...	ESE	1	75·2	51·3	55	...	0·00	—1·35
Khandwa	30·165	NE	8	82·2	54·1	30	...	0·00	—1·08
Raipur	30·125	E	4	80·2	59·2	55	...	0·00	—0·90
Nagpur	30·081	Calm	1	80·2	59·2	55	...	0·00	—1·82
Amraoti	30·087	NNE	5	83·2	59·7	47	...	0·00	—1·06
Akola	30·075	ENE	4	83·1	61·8	49	...	0·00	—2·05
Surat	29·988	NE	5	87·0	58·0	41	...	0·00	—0·19
Malegaon	30·101	N	7	88·1	57·0	34	...	0·00	—0·19
Bombay	29·953	ENE	5	83·4	50·0	32	...	0·01	—1·14
Poona	30·063	SE	10	81·4	69·2	66	...	0·00	—0·08
Ahmednagar	30·071	W	5	85·0	55·4	41	...	0·00	—1·62
Aurangabad	...	ESE	5	82·8	57·5	56	...	0·00	...
Sholapur	30·005	ESE	13	83·8	62·2	33	...	0·00	...
Ratnagiri	29·947	SE	8	86·7	66·1	53	...	0·00	—1·26
Belgaum	29·951	SSE	4	82·5	67·4	80	...	0·00	—0·79
Goa	29·962	ESE	11	83·3	59·9	61	...	0·00	—2·30
Karwar	29·941	NE	10	83·9	70·4	90	...	0·00	...
Mangalore	29·947	Calm	6	81·2	67·5	55	...	0·08	—2·76
Calicut	29·934	NE	6	87·2	72·1	81	...	0·03	—3·63
Cochin	29·939	Calm	9	87·2	75·0	85	...	0·11	—6·24
Bangalore	30·015	E	...	88·5	75·2	91	0·03	3·30	—5·54
Secunderabad	...	ESE	9	83·8	63·8	80	...	0·27	—3·98
Masulipatam	30·020	SE	5	82·1	64·6	79	...	0·00	—2·04
Beliary	30·025	NNE	5	85·0	68·1	83	...	0·00	—8·13
Cuddapah	29·988	SE	4	91·2	70·2	60	...	0·15	—2·12
Madras	30·007	SE	G	91·0	68·5	75	...	0·43	—5·42
Coimbatore	30·005	ENE	6	86·0	69·6	79	...	1·79	—17·60
Trichinopoly	29·993	E	1	85·4	69·1	90	...	5·94	+0·99
Negapatam	30·004	NNW	5	91·5	73·9	81	...	1·75	—5·38
Colombo	29·973	NNE	17	85·5	74·9	70	...	11·38	—17·35
Aden	29·930	NNE	5	90·0	74·0	84	...	12·99	—7·97
	30·051	NE	15	75·9	70·9	59	...	0·19	—0·75

In column "Wind, Rate per hour," L., Light, M., Moderate, F., Fresh, S., Strong, H., Heavy.

SUMMARY.

The pressure changes have been irregular and show a brisk fall at Veraval and Karachi, a brisk rise at Jubbulpore, Hoshangabad and Raipur, and a slight rise or fall elsewere. Readings are highest in Rajputana and lowest in the south. Gradients are moderetely steep to slight.

Winds are south-westerly to north-westerly in the Punjab, North-West Provinces and Rajputana, and north-easterly to south-easterly at most of the other reporting stations. The force has been moderate to light.

The maximum temperature is from 4° to 5° in excess of the season at Bangalore, Bellary, Trichinopoly and Negapatam, and the minium 5° to 11° at Negapatam, Trichinopoly, Coimbatore, Bellary, Secunderabad, Bangalore, Cochin, Calicut and Sholapur. The highest temparature in the shade was 91° at Bellary, Cuddapah and Trichinopoly, and the lowest 36° at Lahore and Jacobabad.

Humidity shows a general rise in the Bombay Presidency and on the Malabar Coast, and the skies are more or less cloudy in many places lying to the south of Latitude 20°.

A few drops of rain have fallen at Cochin.

The weather is fine and settled over the whole country.

G. I. TOWERS,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT.—JANUARY, 10.

12 p.m.	74·0

THURSDAY.—JANUARY, 11.

6 a.m.	70·9
10 a.m.	75·8
2 p.m.	81·6
4 p.m.	83·5

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 10th January, 1900.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected to 32 deg. Fah.	inches 29·946
Temperature of the Air	degrees 74·1
Wet Bulb Thermometer	63·9
Dew Point	57·5
Relative humidity of Air	0·660
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded = 10)	6·0
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) next day	degrees 81·4
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.)	55·9
General Directions of wind*	N., ENE, E. NW, NNW, N.
Movement of Wind in 24 hours*	miles 223

* From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS,
Director, Government Observatory.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. E. FERRERS NICHOLSON, COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, 12th January, 1900.

1. There will be no Commanding Officer's Parade this week.

2. The class of instruction for Proficiency Certificates will assemble at an early date. Officers, Non-Commissioned and Volunteers desirous of attending the class, are requested to send their names to the Adjutant by 12 noon on Saturday the 13th instant.

3. Extract from Government Resolution No. 12, dated 3rd January 1900, is published for information :—Bombay Volunteer Rifles—Capt T M English is granted the Honorary Rank of Major.

4. The following member having joined is taken on the strength of the Corps from this date and posted to "C" Company :—No. 4789 Volunteer R H Walke.

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Capt.,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR W. G. WILSON, COMMANDING B. V. A

Bombay, 12th January, 1900.

1. The Corps will parade at the Corps Club, Apollo Bunder, on Saturday the 13th instant at 4 p.m. sharp, and proceed to Pilot Buader Colaba to continue the Annual Gun target practice.

By Order,
A. J. PEILE, Captain, R. A.,
Adjutant, B. V. A.

THE Paris correspondent of the "Times" wrote on Dec. 15 :—M. Millerand, Minister of Commerce, intends to propose to the Chamber the laying of telegraph cables from Oran, Algeria, to St. Louis, Senegal, via Tangier, from Hue to a point north of Hong, Kong, from Madagascar to Reunion, and from the Gulf of Benin to the French Congo. Later on there are to be cables from the Congo to Madagascar, from Tamatave to Diego Suarez, and from Senagal to the Gulf of Benin, and ultimately from Reunion to Hue and from Brest to Senegal. The telegraphs from St. Louis to Kotonou and Libreville to Loango are also to be improved; nor is this all. M. Doumer, Governor of Tonquin, proposes a cable from the mouth of the Saigon river to the isle of Pulo Condore, sixty miles off the mouth of the Me kong, as well as the purchase of the English cable from Hai-fong to Lei-chau and its extension by land to Quan-chaw-wan and by sea to the Russian telegraph at Amoy.

SMOKE "RICHMOND GEM"—Cigarettes in round air-tight tins of 50, of all Tobacconists.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE S S Ancona, 1,888 tons, Captain W H Coates, cleared yesterday, for Kobe &c., with a general cargo.

THE steamer Hambleton, 1,952 tons, Captain J. Galley, sailed yesterday, for Calcutta in ballast.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Goalpara, 1,358 tons, Captain W H Jacobs, cleared yesterday, for Rangoon, &c., with a general cargo, and two deck passengers.

THE S S Hermod, 830 tons Captain N T Nielson, arrived in harbour on Wednesday evening from Rangoon (30th December,) with a cargo of timber. The vessel is consigned to the Bombay Company.

THE B I S N Co's S S Nuddea, 1,944 tons, Captain C Willis arrived in harbour on Wednesday, from Zanzibar via Seychelles, with a general cargo, and Mr Geo. Service and five deck passengers. During the voyage she experienced fine weather and strong monsoon with high sea.

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—JAN. 11.

Vessels.	Tons.	Capt. Destination.	Date.	Agents.
Satlej		Weston		P & O Co
Booldana	2143	Croft		M M & Co
Bengal	462		Portuguese Gun-boat	
Nizam	2041	Eliot Calcutta		F Morrison & Co
H M S Lapwing		Lambert		Royal Navy
H M S Pomone		Simons Dock		Royal Navy
Pemba	966	Martyn		M M & Co
Arethusa sp	1198	Wilson		W & A G & Co
Simla	1093	Bamber		M M & Co
Chilka	1477	Hutchison		M M & Co
Gulf of Trinidad	1494	Duncanson		B & P S N Co
Dalhousie		Warden Wet Basin		R I M S
Caledonia	1716	Richardson	Bombay	Co
Clyde	2193	Denny		P & O S N Co
Ellora	1494	Wilson		M M & Co
Khandalla	2215	Stunt		M M & Co
Hambleton	1952	Gally		M M & Co
Chindwara	1502	McDougall		M M & Co
Aurea	170	Sharpe		M M & Co
Dulpenta	342	Walkeyn		M M & Co
Florida	23.0	Chapman		M M & Co
Goalpara	1459	Jacobs		M M & Co
Ceylon		Channer Dry Dock		I L Service
Shannon	2389	Chellew		P & O Co
Coromandel	2783	Vivers		P & O Co
Nuddia	1944	Willis		M M & Co
Hermod	830	Nilson		Bo Company

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—JANUARY 11.

PRINCES DOCK.

Shed.	Vessels.	Tons.	Capt.	Destination	Date	Agents.
G	Ileaface	573	Malony	Colombo		V Ebrahim

Transport.

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In submitting our new Catalogue to the public, which can be obtained on application, we desire to place this object prominently before them, at the same time thanking them for the patronage and support they have already given us. It has enabled us to place the concern in some degree in as favoured a position as some of the leading Picture Dealers' establishments in London or Paris; so far, at least, as India is concerned.

A new feature, as will be seen in the present issue of the Catalogue, is that we have included all the different lines of business which we undertake in one and the same cover, whereas in former years they were printed in separate handbooks, leaflets, &c., necessitating a deal of needless repetition.

It has, therefore, been our endeavour to spare the public the tediousness of the task of looking through a number of separate prints for what they require, by compiling the present issue in as concise and handy a form as possible, adding to it an Index—a feature that was not possible to introduce in the former erratic sort of publications.

Of course, we are sensible of many defects in this our first venture: the principal one being the impossibility to embody in a trade catalogue a complete list of our stock of Engravings. We would, therefore, request those seeking any known engraving not enumerated herein to communicate with us.

We have, further, the pleasure of notifying our *clientele* of our removal into more spacious and conspicuous premises, the address of which we would ask them to kindly take particular note.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

THURSDAY EVENING, JAN. 11.

YESTERDAY'S quotations from London were :—

2 3-4 per cent. Consols.....99 3-4+7-8.
3½ per cent. Govt. Securities .....63 11-16 unchanged
French Rentes .....100 plus 1-4.
3 1-2 per cent Sterling Loan .....109—1-2.
3 months' sight discount.....3 3-4—3-8.
6 do. do. .....3 3 4—1-4.
Paris Exchange on London.....25-21 1-2—1.
Bar Silver .....27 1-16—1-16.
New York quotes Silver at.....59—1-8.
Exchange on London, 4'87—1-4

ARRIVAL—Imperatrix.

COUNCILS—At the periodical biddings for Bills in London yesterday for Rs. 60,000.

Rs. 52,30,000 went to Calcutta.
,, 2,90,000 ,, ,, Bombay.
,, 4,80,000 ,, ,, Madras.
Rs. 60,00,000

At 1-4 3-32, the minimum rate received 17 per cent above that in full.

TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFERS :—

Rs. 6,50,000 ..... went to Calcutta.
,, 6,00,000 ..... ,, Bombay.
,, 4,00,000 ..... ,, Madras.

Rs. 16,50,000 at 1-4 5-32 in full.

Total amount of Bills sold during the week Rs. 81,00,000; amount to be allotted next week Rs. 50,00,000 or a decrease of 10 lacs. Extra allotments of bills were made to —

Calcutta .....Rs. 2,20,000 1-4 1-8
Madras..... ,, 10,000 ,,
Transfers—
Calcutta.....Rs. 32 00,000 1-4 5-32
Madras ..... ,, 4,50,000 1-4 5-32

The total of yesterday's sales by the Secretary of State in Bills and Transfers amounted to no less than Rs. 1,15,30,000, of which Calcutta took Rs. 93 lakhs, which gives a fair idea of the demand for Money over there.

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—The Market opened at Rs. 95 1-16 for ready and Rs 95 5-16 forward, the latter improving to 95 7-16, but owing to the tight state of the Money Market, closed with buyers for forward delivery at opening rate.

EXCHANGE opened firm at—

T. T..... 1-4 1-8
D. D. ..... 1-8 to 5-32
3 Months' Sight Credits 7-16 & 6 1-2, February.
3 months' Francs... ... 173

Not much doing either way but buyers obtained full rates for January and up to 15th February.

Cotton in Liverpool closed steady; Manchester firm, Surats easier; and Arrivals steady.

Total day's sales.....12,000 bales
Speculation and Export ..... 1,000 ,,
Total day's Imports ..... 22,000 ,,
The day's receipts as U. S. Ports...26,000 ,,
Export to Great Britain .....11,000 ,,
France and Continent ..10,000 ,,
Mid. Uplands 7 9-16
Futures April .....3 30+8
,, July .....7 36+8

Here the market is firm with a fair amount of business passing.

	Rs.
Good Broach for March realized.	220
Fully Good Bengals, January ,, ...	185
Good Bhownagger May ,, ...	208

The following were taken by the mills:—

100 bales Morvi.....	at Rs.	205
200 ,, Bengals.....	,,	183 1-2
200 ,, ,, ...	,,	182
1,300 ,, ,, ...	,,	183
200 ,, Jalana	,,	210

SEEDS.—Yellow Cawnpoore Rape is quoted from London :—37 1-2 January-February, Hamberg, Sellers via Canal, tone of Market firm. Other sorts are unchanged. Locally only a small business is doing in a quiet market at previous rates.

WHEAT.—Prices unchanged. Market quiet, business small.

FREIGHTS.—The City of Venice and Stanley Hall have been fixed for Marseilles, 16-6, the former for January-February loading, and the latter for February. The Calcutta Liners with coals for Bombay are completely filled up, and tonnage generally is scarce.

COALS.—Market steady. Re-sales of ready Jardines have been made at Rs. 14-4 and Deschanghur at Rs. 15. A line of Bird's Navigationand Gouranadhi to Consumers is reported at Rs. 13-8, January shipment.

STOCKS AND SHARES.—

	Rs.
Bank of Bombay	1,285
Commercial Bank of India	88
Tapti Valley	485
Manockji Petit S. and W. Co.....	1,640
Bombay Trading Corporation	6,800
do do New Issue	1,705
Marcks and Co., Ld.	159

MONEY is in considerable request here and in Calcutta, both the Bank of Bengal and Bank of Bombay having put up their rates 1 per cent, making both stand now at 8 per cent.

Amritsar.—Bright, no sign of rain; rain much needed generally for rabi corps; all crops suffering from too little rain.

Broozopore.—Bright, no sign of rain; rain much needed generally.

Mooltan.—Drought still continues; wheat requires rain; absence of rain causes anxiety.

Delhi.—Rain much needed generally; wheat requires rain.

Agra.—Cloudy, but no rain; cotton arriving in small quantities.

Cawnpore.—Bright, no sign of rain; rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Boa war.—Bright, no sign of rain; mornings cold and dewy; cotton-picking general and arriving in small quantities.

Amraoti.—Seasonable; rabi crops failed.

Khamgaon.—Mornings cold and dewy; cotton arriving in small quantities.

Dhulia—Bright, no sign of rain; cold; cotton arriving in small quantities.

Jalgaon—Cloudy, but no rain; windy; cold.

Broach—Easterly wind; cotton season over; prospects gloomy.

Viramgam—Bright, no sign of rain; more rain wanted generally.

Wadhwan—Bright, no sign of rain; seasonable; mornings cold and dewy; absence of rain causes anxiety.

Dholera—Weather sometimes cloudy; seasonable and cold; no rain; no crop of cotton and grain; famine.

Bhavnagar—Mornings cold and dewy; cotton plants show bolls rapidly ripening and ready for picking in some places.

Barsi—Cloudy and unseasonable; cloudy, but no rain; cotton-picking general; food-grains suffering from want of rain; cotton arriving in small quantities.

Sholapur—Bright, no sign of rain; rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Hubli—Cloudy, but no rain; unusually hot; cotton plants seriously damaged by drought; cotton crop estimate six annas.

Bellary—No further rain expected; cotton plants suffering from hot winds.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, JAN. 10.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed steady.
Surats easier.
Good Bhownugger 3 25-32.
The Manchester Market has been firm.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols.....	99 3-4
3 per cent. Rentes	100
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	109
3½ per cent. Rupee Papers.....	62 11-16
Bar Silver	27 1-16

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

COLOMBO, JAN. 11.

The O. L. steamer Austral from Australia arrived.

The Florio Rubattino Company's steamer Bisagno, from Bombay, arrived at Singapore on the 11th Instant.

The N. Y. K steamer Hiroshima Maru left Colombo for Bombay on the 11th instant.

The Austrian Lloyd's s.s. Vindobona, from Bombay for Trieste, sailed from Karachi on the afternoon of the 10th instant.

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

Open 1,491 1-4 Miles.

The following is the statement of traffic, week ending 31st December, 1899.

	Coaching Traffic. Receipts.	Merchandize and Mineral Traffic. Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total ...	1,94,321	6,44,268	11,935	8,50,524
Corresponding week last year. Open 1,491½ miles.	...	...	...	11,28,162
Decrease				Rs. 2,77,638

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BOMBAY.

DEATH.

DeSILVA-VIEGAS—January 10, at night, at the residence of her late parents, Agiary Street, Bhuleshwar, near Cavel, Bombay, Mrs. Matilda Viegas, widow of Mr. E. P. Viegas, and eldest daughter of the late Mr. Joseph DeSilva, of Her Majesty's Dockyard, aged 48 years. Deeply regretted by her surviving sister, Miss Caroline DeSilva, and other sorrowing relations and friends. R.I.P.

EUROPE.

MARRIAGE.

SMYTH—KENNEDY-HILL—December 6, at St John's Church, Weymouth, Dorset, by the Rev R Pitman, R.N, assisted by the Revd Canon Stephenson, M.A, and the Revd J G Hadow, M.A, Sophia E Ashmore (Cuckoo), eldest child of Lieutenant-Colonel F.A. Smyth, Brigade Surgeon (Retired), to Arthur G Kennedy-Hill, R.N, First Lieutenant Her Majesty's Ship Agincourt.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

BRYAN—January 5, at Rawalpindi, the wife of J Bryan, of a son.

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The Bombay Gazette

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THE best news to hand to-day is that Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener have arrived at Capetown. The name and presence of that distinguished veteran and his capable Chief of the Staff will not only give unity of command to the immense forces now in South Africa or on the way thither, but will restore whatever of confidence may have been shaken by recent events. His arrival is the more timely that Lord Methuen's health has broken down. It will be necessary to provide an equally bold and vigorous and perchance more fortunate commander for the large Army Corps encamped on the Modder River, where it has been held in check ever since the disastrous attempt to dislodge the enemy from the entrenchments of Magersfontein on the 11th December—just a month ago. General Buller has been in much the same case at Frere and Chievely since the failure of the attempt to force the passage of the Tugela on the 15th December. There may be excellent reason for the long period of inaction, but both Generals have received large reinforcements of men and guns during the month. General Gatacre has also been reinforced, but he has not been able to renew the attack on Stormberg. General French, who with cavalry and mounted infantry was steadily advancing on the communications of the Boers threatening to isolate him from Gatacre's force, has apparently found himself in unexpected difficulties. There can scarcely be any other explanation of the fact that the enemy occupied a hill within a mile of his camp, and that when a night attack failed under very exceptional circumstances, he was unable to give any assistance to the Suffolks, who lost a company and a large number of officers almost under his eyes. All this seems to show that the need for a new direction and for new methods was becoming urgent. Mr. Balfour, who held a few days ago that the Home authorities had made no mistakes but had done everything that they could be reasonably expected to do, now admits that they did not realise the necessity for a vast mounted force in South Africa when the war began, but he assures the public that it shall be there before the war is over. Better late than never; but surely a timely anticipation of necessities before they actually arise would be a useful quality in matters of such moment. In the same way, while the Pretorian Government provided guns, large and small, of the newest type, it is only now that the War Office recognises the necessity that guns of a class between field and garrison artillery should form part of our equipment. They have given instructions to have quick-firers manufactured until further orders. It was the same in everything else. The numbers and fighting power of the Republics being underestimated, one Army Corps was deemed sufficient to put an end to all resistance in a month or two at most. Fears were even expressed in some quarters that the whole campaign would be over before the Army Corps arrived on the scene of action. With every reverse the only remedy that suggested itself was another Division, until now we have the eighth division on the way. In a few weeks there will be 136,000 men in South Africa, with which we shall begin the war "in real earnest."

We are not fighting a great Power, but it is a great war. The military machine when put to the test has exhibited our weakness and not our strength. When we have to incorporate in every battalion of the line a company of volunteers, whose pluck and patriotism are undoubted, but whose training and discipline leave much to be desired, it is self-evident that the present system must be replaced by one which can work without makeshifts, improvised at the moment, on the spur of a sudden emergency. Whether we like it or not we shall have to face the question of compulsory service—however it may be disguised—if we are to be in a position to impose respect on Powers which in military matters think in millions. Experts who are habituated to the thought of pitched battles between armies counting four or five hundred thousand on each side, with a front of sixty miles, are lost in amazement when we speak of two army corps or three as sufficient for any purpose, and are overjoyed if Lord Wolseley speaks with confidence of producing them before the Admiralty can provide the transports to carry them to the seat of war, in Europe or elsewhere. We shall not get within measurable distance of the Continental ideal of an army for many a year yet; but we have been insensibly led to look forward to the first step towards the Continental system—namely, the operation of the ballot for the Militia. When a philanthropic, not to say socialistic, publicist of the stamp of Mr. Sidney Low writes in that sense in the "Nineteenth Century," it will be understood that the idea has already made some progress. Having discussed the varied assortment of South African problems which await solution when the war is over, Mr. Low points out, as a proposition already demonstrated by events, that "one immediate consequence of the war must be the inception of measures to add largely to our military power. I say immediate, for the question will not wait." It will be necessary to keep a considerable garrison—at the lowest 20,000 men—to guard against Dutch disaffection, until the new order of things is accepted, and to police so vast an area. The army must be British; we can not resort in that region to the expedient of drilling and arming the natives, who outnumber the men of European race to a perilous extent. For this latter reason the Boers can not be disarmed wholly; they must be left rifle, horse and cartridge belt, so as to take part in defending the waters against any rising of the natives, who are the most warlike and restless in Africa. Mr. Low foresees a large increase in the numbers of the Blacks who have already come over from the Congo State to get employment in the mines. The locking up of an Army Corps in South Africa will require a corresponding increase in the Home battalions. But that will give no margin. We must have a margin, and a considerable one, if we are to be safe against some disappreciable surprise.

"The South African War," says Mr. Low, "if it has done nothing else, has gone far to vindicate the opinion of those who have held for years past that we have been carrying on a gigantic Imperial business with an insufficient military capital. And we may surely claim that it also does much to justify those who, like the present writer, have never been able to see why Englishmen should hold themselves entitled to escape these national obligations which almost all civilised people, including our own colonists, incur. From Paris to Pretoria, and from Archangel to Auckland, the private citizen is under bond to shed his blood for his country; in Great Britain alone he sheds nothing but his money, and pays a body of professional troops to discharge his patriotic duties for him." The alternative is to add twenty, perhaps forty, millions to maintain an army of the requisite size in the new conditions. That, he argues, we cannot do while building and maintaining a colossal fleet. In England, he suggests, we could dispense with the German and French system of herding the youth of the country in barracks. We could "begin" by developing the Militia and the Volunteers. The ballot would give sufficient men; Volunteers who have done a couple of years' hard work in learning the elements of soldiering, spending some hours a day at it, and observing the strictest military discipline when on duty, would be exempt from the ballot. Before obtaining a certificate of efficiency, however, they should pass a severe test in shooting and field exercise; they would be very different Volunteers from the patriotic amateurs of most of the volunteer corps at present. They should give up their Sundays to shooting and drill as their betters now give it up to cycling or golf. Mr. Low sees no reason why volunteering should not become as popular as football or cricket. But he overlooks the difference between a pastime which does not bind a man to enter the ranks in time of war, and go six or ten thousand miles away from his home to fight the Mahdi, or the Boer, or the Russian or the Turk, and a pastime that does. Of course, it might be said that the Militiaman taken by the ballot and the Volunteer who is exempt from the Militia, will only be called on to defend the British soil. But once war is declared every man in the ranks would be under an irresistible moral and sentimental obligation to go where the rest were going, and take his share of danger of glory. Under even a "lenient application of the new system," the Militiaman and the Volunteer would stand in the shoes of the Absent-Minded Beggar, and would have to go where honour and duty called them. But sooner or later, if the Fates so will it, the path of Empire must be trodden even thus by every son of British soil.

BOMBAY is a very unfortunate City. It is not only in the commencement of a fourth epidemic of plague but is confronted with an outbreak of small-pox. The latter began to show itself about a month ago in the northern parts of the City, and three weeks back the deaths numbered 36. Last week the victims rose to 63, and for the week ending Tuesday the death-roll totalled 96. These figures afford ample evidence that the disease is spreading, and an examination of the details show that small-pox is present in almost every locality in Bombay. It would be reassuring to know if the Health Department are alive to the exigencies of the situation. Few diseases have been so destructive to human life as small-pox, and it has ever been regarded with horror alike from its fatality, its loathsome accompaniments, and its disfiguring effects, and from the fact that no age and condition of life are exempt from liability to its occurrence. As the outbreak occurred in the north it may be that it is not disassociated with the sewage outlets, and those who visit Mahaluxmi Races can testify to the disagreeable odours which occasionally prevail. The great danger with small-pox is contagion, and this malady is probably the most infectious of all diseases. The history of epidemics in England and other countries prove that in some instances the introduction of a single case has been sufficient to cause the disease to become widespread. Overcrowding and all insanitary surroundings favour the spread of small-pox where it has broken out, and as it is present in some parts of Bombay where sanitation is unknown there is a real danger in our midst. The most common cause of conveyance of the disease is contact with the persons or the immediate surroundings of those affected. The atmosphere around a small-pox patient is charged with the products of the disease, which likewise cling tenaciously to clothing and furniture. The greatest security against its ravages is vaccination, but it is liable to attack those whose protection has become weakened by the lapse of time. Fort southern is the healthiest portion of Bombay, and the northern part is among the worst. The effect of the cold weather upon the people is seen in the deaths arising from fever and zymotic diseases, the former claiming 172 and the latter the appalling total of 481. It is well known that the City is full of famine-stricken people, who are homeless and foodless, and the result of exposure and improper feeding is seen in the large number of deaths from diarrhœa. The deaths from old age and debility increase, and the percentage from all other diseases are much above normal. The total number of deaths is 1870, giving an annual death-rate of 114·97, or nearly double that of the quinquennial average.

THE cultivators of Mehmedabad Taluka, in the Kaira district, have petitioned the Government of India for a remission of their land taxes. They point out that Gujerat has not within the last 150 years been visited by such a direful and calamitous famine as the present. In the past although food and fodder have been scarce, yet they have not been reduced to the extremities in which they now find themselves, being totally unable to procure fodder, even if they possessed the money to purchase it. The petitioners apparently have some ground for complaint on account of the non-importation of compressed hay into their district by Government, and it is suggested the omission is due to an erroneous impression that fodder is plentiful in the taluka. There is a touch of the British farmer in the sentence "it has not rained to the satisfaction of the cultivators for five years." Fortunately it is not within human power to order rain, or there would be continual feuds existing between the agricultural community, but it is doubtless true that the yield last year did not pay expenses. There is, moreover, no reason to doubt the statement about the loss of hundreds of cattle, and we fear this loss is not restricted to the district of Kaira. There is no doubt the mortality among cattle, particularly in Gujerat and other parts of Kathiawar, is enormous, and the immense quantity of hides brought into Bombay each week is corroborative evidence of their fate. The petitioners point out that the well-to-do persons in the taluka have suffered such loss as to reduce them to comparatively poor people, and of the remainder of the unfortunate inhabitants it can only be said that their last state is worse than the first. The statement that "every day ornaments worth thousands of rupees have been reconverted into gold" is exaggeration, although it is true a large number of people are parting from their ornaments in order to provide the necessaries of life. The condition of the lower classes must excite the sympathy of all. Having to seek food for their cattle—no light task—they have no time to go on Government relief works, and it is said that they maintain life by devouring powdered husks of rice, which in ordinary times forms part of the food for cattle. The petitioners seek remission of taxation, and ask that fodder may be imported into their district, and there is no doubt the circumstances of this locality will be justly considered in common with other areas when the question of rebatement comes up for decision.

THE Bank has to-day raised its rate of interest on demand loans on Government Paper to 8. per cent.

THE Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Bombay has, with the sanction of Government, appointed the Reverend C. H. Badham, B.A., to attend him as Domestic Chaplain during the Synod of Bishops at Calcutta, and subsequently on his Lordship's cold weather tour.

DR. E. H. MOORE is appointed additional District Medical Officer under the Famine Code for the district of Khandesh, the appointment of Dr. T. A. Starkey having been cancelled.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL is pleased to appoint Lieutenant-Colonel C. Monks, I.M.S., to be Port Surgeon, Aden.

MR. S. W. EDGERLEY, C.I.E., I.C.S., Secretary to Government in the Political, Judicial and Legislative Departments, is granted furlough for two years, with effect from the 17th February next.

MR. D. GEORGE, Assoc. M. Inst., C. E., Executive Engineer, First Grade, recalled from leave, is posted to the Satara District.

THE services of Mr. F. L. Sprott, Executive Engineer, Second Grade, are replaced at the disposal of the Educational Department.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL W. P. CURSON, M.B., I.M.S., on return to duty, is appointed Civil Surgeon, Belgaum.

MAJOR C. F. WILLIS, M.D., I.M.S., on relief, will act as Civil Surgeon, Karwar, pending further orders.

THE undermentioned gentlemen have been appointed to the Civil Service of India, and to the Presidency of Bombay, in the following order: Messrs. Moses Mordecai Simeon Gubbay, Otto Rothfeld, Ernest Phillips Garret, George Ercle Chatfield, Arthur Clement Wild, Stephen James Murphy, Charles Stewart Campbell, Charu Chandra Dutt, Robert Ernest Algernon Elliott, and Walter Frank Hudson.

THE services of Mr. R. R. Menneer, Assoc. M. Inst. C. E., Executive Engineer, 1st Grade, recalled from leave, are placed at the disposal of the Political Department for employment on Famine Relief duty, in Kathiawar. On relief by Mr. Menneer, Mr. Beale will join the Public Works Department, Secretariat, at Bombay.

ON Monday, at Christ Church, Rajkot, the wedding ceremony of Miss Ethel Hunter, daughter of Colonel J. M. Hunter, Political Agent, Kathiawar, and Mr. H. N. Crouch, Public Prosecutor of Karachi, took place. The Church was prettily decorated and the ceremony was attended by most of the European residents in Rajkot and some guests from Jamnagar and Gadhechi. Miss Muriel Hunter acted as bridesmaid, while Mr. C. A. Kincaid was bestman. When the ceremony was over, the party adjourned to the "Kothi," where a reception was held. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. J. Beck, chaplain of Ahmedabad.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending January 9, was 1,870, giving a death-rate of 114·97 per annum per thousand as against 66·40 the corresponding period of last year, and 64·29 the average over the past five years. Of the total number 172 died from fevers; 96, small-pox; 324, plague; 74, measles; 4, cholera; 2, leprosy; 177, phthisis; 97, diseases of the nervous system; 304 affections of the respiratory organs; 103, diarrhœa; 58, dysentery; 53, still born, 153 old age and debility; 24, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows :—51 Jains; 61 Brahmins; 6 Lingaets, 14 Battias; 1051 Hindus of other caste; 274 Hindus outcaste; 326 Musalmans; 30 Parsees; 3 Jews; 42 Native Christians; 5 Eurasians; 3 Europeans; 4 other and unknown races. The total number of births was 217 as against 211, the corresponding period of last year, and 244 the average over the past five years.

GOVERNMENT have accepted the recommendation that the force to occupy the experimental camp at Torawarri in the Miranzai Valley shall consist of the Head-quarters and two squadrons of Native Cavalry, two guns Mountain Artillery and one Native Infantry Regiment, with the reservation that this strength only remains in force so long as the troops are maintained on the Samana and in the Kurram Valley.

A GRANT of 35 lakhs of rupees has been sanctioned for the construction of the Bassein-Hizada Railway.

THE Stewards of the Meerut Spring Meeting have issued an attractive programme. There is the Silver Cup of Rs. 3,000 and other valuable stakes, including one or two Military Chases. This year the Grand Military Meeting has been unavoidably held over, but if the chases are a success, no doubt it will be inaugurated next year.

THE Lieutenent-Governor has left Lucknow for Allahabad where he is to remain till the end of the month. The local Government has issued a circular for the opinion of the papers regarding the proposal to confer on the Courts in the North-Western Provinces, and possibly in other provinces, discretionary power to fix the amount of dower payable by Mahomedan husbands in cases of divorce proceedings opposed by the wife similar to that conferred in the Courts in Oudh by the Act of 1876. It is understood that the Mahomedan lawyers consulted are opposed to the change, and urge that the existing rule is based on the teaching of the Koran. In their opinion no discretion should be given to withhold a legal right or reduce the amount of lawful consideration.

THE quantity of the Burmah's rice crop this year available is 2,020,881 tons, as against 1,486,000 tons last year.

THE annual convocation of the Calcutta University will be held on February 17th, the Viceroy presiding.

MR. FINUCANE, on return from leave, will be posted as Commissioner of Rajshahye Division, Mr. O'Donnell, who holds the post at present, retiring from the Civil Service at the end of March.

THE native officers and men of the 14th Bengal Lancers at Allahabad, have spontaneously approached their Colonel with the request that they should be allowed to give one day's pay towards the Transvaal War Fund.

AT Rangoon a Burman and a Chittagonian are under police arrest for having been found in possession of 78 tolas of opium. They were arrested near the salt godowns on alighting from a gharry on suspicion and on their bundles being searched the drug was discovered. Mr. McCalder, of the Customs Department, was instrumental in two Punjabis being arrested on the Phayre Street wharf. These two consignee came to take delivery of a case of goods, but before it was cleared an examination of the contents confirmed the suspicions of the preventive officer who discovered that the parcel contained no less than 760 tolals of a ganja extract. The offenders are in custody pending trial.

LAST month Lieutenant-Colonel Lumsden, lately Commandant of the Assam Valley Light Horse, cabled from Australia offering to raise a corps of Indian Volunteers and equip them at his own expense. This is practically the offer which has been accepted, and Colonel Lumsden, who has just returned to India, will command the corps of 250. It will be organised in two companies of 125 men, who will be armed with the 303 rifle. Details regarding the raising and equipment of the corps will be settled under the Commander-in-Chief's orders. Colonel Lumsden deserves the highest commendation for his patriotic offer.

IT is calculated that the annual saving to the Indian revenues when cordite is manufactured in this country will be between three and four lakhs of rupees. The proposed factory near Wellington, however, will not be in full working order for over two years.

THE Nawab of Rampur has offered the Government fifty horses for South Africa, and the offer has been accepted.

WE hear, says the "Pioneer," from London that when the mail left fifteen Commissions in the Royal Artillery had just been offered to the students at Cooper's Hill College. This is not the first time that Woolwich has drawn upon the Indian Engineering College in seasons of emergency, but the appointments offered have never before been so numerous.

THE Bombay Circle Audit Office, which (under the Post Office decentralisation scheme) includes the audit of the accounts of the Postal Department in the Bombay and Madras Presidencies and the Central Provinces, closed at Calcutta on the 21st December and opened at Nagpur, in charge of Mr. E. H. Burke, Deputy Comptroller, on the 2nd January 1900. In addition to Mr. Ghatak, Assistant Comptroller, there is a staff of 215 superintendents and clerks. Owing to the courtesy of the Traffic authorities of the East Indian and the Bengal-Nagpur Railways, the records and furniture, which were all brought from Calcutta, were delivered without any delay, which admitted of the ordinary office work being resumed from the 3rd instant. The staff, we hear, are getting reconciled to Nagpur, and already find that it is not quite so bad a place as they had imagined.

THE Kashmir Durbar have offered to supply 25,000 pair of Kashmir woollen "putties" to the Imperial Government for the use of troops in South Africa.

A PARTICULARLY interesting case has been heard at Allahabad. Rajah Rompal Singh, an elderly nobleman who was down at Madras some years ago as a Congresswala, was stopping with his wife at a hotel at Umballa, and while he was there his wife died of cholera. The hotel-keeper sent the Rajah a long bill, not only for the ordinary hotel expenses, but bearing an additional item of Rs. 650, the value of the furniture in the room, which had to be destroyed. The Rajah protested and the case came to the law courts, and the magistrate gave it in the hotel-keeper's favour, saying the hotel had suffered enough by the discredit thrown upon his hotel by a cholera case, and that, as the Rajah could not show that his wife had contracted cholera through any bad arrangement at the hotel, the hotel-keeper should certainly not be put to any direct pecuniary loss. The Rajah appealed, but the appeal was dismissed. He then appealed to the High Court. The Judges here decided that it was to be regarded as a case of hire of furniture. The Rajah had hired the furniture, as it were, from the hotel-keeper. Had he used the furniture fairly or not? Unless the hotel keeper could show that the Rajah had wittingly brought a cholera patient to the hotel, the Rajah might be said to had taken all reasonable care of the furniture that he had hired, and the rest was the hotel-keeper's risk. The case was accordingly given in the Rajah's favour.

LAST week the police here seized two Central Asian travellers from across the frontier to make pilgrimage to Mecca, under suspision of having committed murder, because blood-stains were found on their clothes. After some prevarication they confessed before the magistrate in the court that they had murdered two other Mecca pilgrims at Kargil and had buried them under the snow after taking from them silver "yams" or pieces worth about Rs. 200. The police have now gone with them to the scene of the murder to discover the corpses.

ON the 28th ultimo a gang of Waziris swooped down on the village of Akhund and carried off eight camels which were being wattered at the Gambda Nalah. The owners of the animals, accompanied by some villagers, were promptly in pursuit, and after a brush with the raiders succeeded in recovering the animals. One of the villagers was shot through the body.

THE foreign military papers are attempting to illustrate the course of events by likening Europe to the scene of operations, and the map of Europe to without instruction if it enables people at home to recognise the real difficulty of the war in which we are engaged. The *Metchener Allgemeine Zeitung* makes its parallel Berlin for Pretoria, it place in this way: taking Sweden, and Lorenzo Marques at Warsaw, while Durban is found in the vicinity of Prague, and East London of Vienna, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth being Barcelona, and Delagoa Bay Bologna, Naauwport other parallels, Mafeking Luxemburg, with some well to the south. These positions answer fairly Munich paper situation in South Africa, and the each of them, recounting the strength we have at minds of its does not leave much doubt upon the the operation readers of the very serious nature of in which we are engaged.

KESHAV MADHAVRAO and six others were arraigned before the Hon'ble Mr. Aston, Sessions Judge and accompanied by jury, charged with committing a deceit- the evidenceled by murder. It would appear from of one Sope that the accused broke into the house nejwadi, in a bin Ganpati at the village of Memaand after r the Bhimthadi taluka, in November last stricks the murdering the owner of the house with Rs. 60. He absconded with property to the extent of recorded after all the evidence in the case had been judge concluded the jury found all the accused guilty. The ed the finding with the verdict of the jury sentenceremained at accused to transportation for life, and the There were to ten years' regorous imprisonment each, ed for more in all eight accused, but one was acquitted having turned "Queen's evidence."

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

HEAVY LOSSES OF THE ENEMY AT LADYSMITH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, JAN. 11, 1-4 A.M.

Sir Redvers Buller reports from Frere, on January 10th, that a Transvaal telegram wires the enemy's loss at Ladysmith on Saturday was four killed and fifteen wounded. This is stated after the admission that the Boer troops endured a withering fire from six masked batteries and were badly defeated at all points.

The Natives at Frere assert that one Commando alone lost 150 killed. Wagon-loads of wounded were taken away.

The heaviest loss is said to have been amongst the Commandos of the Free State, who were forced by the Transvaalers into the most dangerous places.

ARRIVAL OF LORD ROBERTS AT CAPE TOWN.

It is officially announced that Field Marshal Lord Roberts arrived at Capetown yesterday, Wednesday.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE DISASTER TO THE SUFFOLKS.

HOW IT HAPPENED.

LONDON, JAN. 11.

Reuter, wiring from Rensburg on the 8th inst., says that it is officially notified that Colonel Watson marched the Suffolks in close column to the top of the hill at midnight, and while he was addressing the assembled officers at daybreak the enemy poured in a volley at thirty paces.

The Suffolks scarcely fired a shot.

The other details as already given are confirmed.

BOERS STILL ACTIVE AT LADYSMITH.

LONDON, JAN. 11.

The "Daily Telegraph" publishes a despatch from Frere camp, dated Monday, stating that an irregular cannonade from the Boer position at Ladysmith commenced that morning and was continuing.

ENTERIC AT LADYSMITH.

LONDON, JAN. 10.

23 deaths from enteric fever have taken place at Ladysmith between the 1st and 8th instant.

The deaths include Lieutenant Russell of the Leicesters and Lieutenant Platt of the 5th Dragoons.

Surgeon-Major Walker has died from dysentery at Ladysmith.

THE BOER STATEMENT OF THEIR LOSSES AT LADYSMITH.

LONDON, JAN. 11.

A despatch from General Buller, dated the 10th inst., says that a Transvaal telegram gives the enemy's loss at Ladysmith on the 6th as 4 killed and 15 wounded, even after admitting that they endured a withering fire from six masked batteries and were defeated at all points.

Natives assert that the Boer loss in one commando alone was 150 killed and wagon-loads of wounded.

The heaviest loss is reported to be among the Free Staters who were forced into the most dangerous places by the Transvaalers.

THE UNION AND CASTLE STEAMSHIP COMPANIES WITHDRAW FROM THE DELAGOA BAY TRADE.

The "Times" understands that the Union and Castle Lines have withdrawn from the Delagoa Bay trade in order to prevent the use of their vessels in interests unfavourable to England.

INDIAN STRETCHER-BEARERS TO THE FRONT.

A "Standard" telegram from Durban states that 1,200 Indian stretcher-bearers left for the front on the 8th instant.

GENERAL METHUEN'S HEALTH BROKEN DOWN.

The "Daily Mail" states that General Methuen's health has completely broken down.

LORD SELBORNE AT THE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE BANQUET.

Lord Selborne, speaking at the Banquet of the Associated Chambers of Commerce given in honour of Lord Northcote, declared that it was absolutely false that the Government or the War Office had ever attempted to direct or interfere with the strategy of our Generals in South Africa.

ARRIVAL OF LORD ROBERTS AT CAPETOWN.

LONDON, JAN. 10.

Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener arrived at Capetown to-day.

CASUALTIES AT COLESBERG.

In the Colesberg reconnaissance Lieutenant Milbanke, of the 10th Hussars, was wounded and Captain Ricardo, of the Blues, taken prisoner.

THE SEIZURE OF GERMAN STEAMERS.

It is stated that the British reply to Germany maintains the legality of searching vessels plying in neutral ports.

The Attorney-General has prepared rules to guide officials dealing with contraband.

ANOTHER SHIP FOR ADEN.

Another British warship is being sent to Aden.

MR. BALFOUR AT MANCHESTER.

Mr. Balfour, speaking at Manchester to-day in defending the War Office, admitted that the authorities had not realised the necessity for a vast mounted force which, he said, we should have before the war was over.

The necessity was also recognised that guns of a class between field and garrison artillery should form part of our equipment.

NOTIFICATION OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

The Secretary of State for India notifies that the undertaking to sell Telegraphic Transfers at a rate not exceeding ⅛ 5/32 is withdrawn.

NEWS FROM THE SEAT OF WAR.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 11.

An "Indian Daily [illegible]" telegram, dated London 10th, says:—The "Daily Mail" states the suppression of another General commanding a division in South Africa will shortly be announced. Letters arriving from Modder River Camp state that General Methuen and the late General Wauchope differed regarding the plans of the battle of Magersfontein. The "Standard" says, the accounts which have arrived from its special correspondents at the front, confirm the suspicion that the reverse was due to bad handling of troops and injudicious tactics. One of the incidents of fighting round Colesburg is the capture by the Boers of Captain Ricardo and four of the Horse Guards. The King's Royal Rifles shared in the bayonet charge which repulsed the Boers at Ladysmith.

THE ATTACK ON LADYSMITH.

CASUALTIES DURING THE CAMPAIGN.

ALLAHABAD, JAN. 11.

The London Correspondent of the *Pioneer* cables :—

Private intelligence, which the War Office withholds, describes the Boer attack on Ladysmith on Saturday as desperate. In many cases they were five times the number of the British, and the manner in which they massed repeatedly for the assault shows the enemy's determination to carry the position. They relinquished the attempt with bitter reluctance. Sir G. White is convinced that the Boer losses are fearful. The Earl of Ava was dangerously wounded in the head. The Government officials at Bloemfontein are securing houses in Pretoria with a view to early evacuation.

General French's casualties for the 1st January are:—Killed 7, including Lieutenant West, 2nd Berkshires; and wounded 24. 2nd January: Wounded 5. 4th January: Killed 7, and wounded 18; 6th January: Killed 27 (including Colonel Watson, Lieutenants Wilkins, Carey, and White) and wounded 23 (including Major Graham severely). Missing 184 (including Captains Brett, Thomson, and Brown, Lieutenants Allen, Wood, Martin, and Butler, all of the Suffolks.

The total casualties of the campaign, exclusive of Ladysmith, up to Saturday are 7,213 officers and men. Of the former, 89 were killed, 259 wounded, and 102 missing. Of the men, 938 were killed, 3,416 wounded, and 2,409 missing.

The transports Princess of Wales and Tintagal Castle, with the 2nd Worcestershires and a company of Engineers and Army Service Corps, arrived at Cape Town.

A Bulgarian officer with the Boers writes that the British attacked the Boer positions as if they fancied they were attacking Soudanese, with the result that they are easily mown down. When captured, he adds, they carry themselves very proudly.

The War Office has ordered the discontinuance of the manufacture of the Dum-Dum bullet. The allowances of soldiers' wives, whose husbands are on active service in South Africa, has been increased.

Major Griffiths, in a letter to the "Evening News," affirms that Lord Wolseley protested throughout against the retention of Ladysmith.

The Morning Post is indignant at Mr. Balfour's attempts to shield the War Office, and calls on the Government to resign.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

BANQUET TO LORD NORTHCOTE.

THE GOVERNOR-ELECT OF BOMBAY.

LONDON, JAN. 11.

A banquet was given by the Associated Chambers of Commerce yesterday in honour of Lord Northcote, the Governor-elect of Bombay.

Lord Lubbock presided.

Lord George Hamilton, in proposing the toast of the guest of the evening, said it was a happily selected Governorship as the name of Northcote was connected with sound finance.

Referring the famine in India, he said, that although it was inexpedient to make an appeal at the present moment, he would carefully watch the famine.

His lordship eulogized the splendid loyalty of India at the present crisis.

Lord Northcote, in reply, said he thought that the commercial intercourse between Great Britain and India was capable of large development.

Britain, in aiding India to develope her natural resources, would benefit all commercially and instil into the Native of India a sentiment that he was a gainer by his connection with England and would thus strengthen his loyalty.

VOLUNTEER REMOUNTS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 11.

About fifty names have been registered here for the Mounted Volunteer Corps for South Africa, but selections will not be made until the arrival of Colonel Lumsden.

THE BURMA AND ASSAM COMMISSIONS.

It is stated that the Secretary of State has sanctioned proposals of the Government of India for the re-organisation of the Burma and Assam Commissions which come into force next year.

THE WAR RELIEF FUND.

AGRA, JAN. 9.

The leading native gentlemen convened a public meeting to express sympathy with and raise subscriptions for the widows and orphans of the soldiers killed and wounded in the Transvaal War. Saith Pertab Sing, the head of the Ratha Swami sect, was unanimously elected to the chair. He reminded those present that, when India was recently visited by famine, Englishmen subscribed liberally to relieve their distress and they subscribed for the widows and orphans of native soldiers killed in the Tirah campaign. He hoped the people of India would now show their gratitude for these good offices by subscribing liberally to the War Fund. Munshi Gunga Pershad read a letter from the Collector, Mr. Cobb, who is in camp, expressing cordial sympathy with the object of the meeting. It was resolved to form a committee as a branch of the National Committee to be formed at Calcutta under the presidency of the Maharaja of Durbhanga, and that the Hon'ble Raja Balwant Singh of Awa be invited to lend his patronage and support to the movement.

Over Rs. 500 were subscribed.

THE MAILS.

ADEN, JAN. 11.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. Oriental, with the homeward mails of the 6th instant, arrived here at 6 a.m., to-day.

The P. and O. Company's s.s. Oceania, with the outward mails of the 5th instant, left here, at 4 a.m., to-day.

WREXHAM PARISH CHURCH, known as one of the "seven wonders of Wales," is about to be restored. Four thousand pounds has already been promised towards the sum required, the Duke of Westminster contributing £2,000.

THE late Mr. Hubert O'Grady was not a great actor, but he was nevertheless one of the few representatives of the Irish "bhoy" upon the stage who obtained anything like vogue. His chief claim to memory as a histrion is the fact that he was selected by Boucicault to play Conn in "The Shaughraun," and he was the original exponent of that character in the provinces something like twenty-three years ago. He played Irish parts exclusively, and wrote a number of dramas after the pattern of Boucicault. There was always a plentiful supply of the brogue in his plays, and a great deal of sentiment for the "poor ould counthry," for Mr. O'Grady was an out-and-out Irishman. The authorities at Dublin Castle once, at a violent stage of the Land agitation, stopped the performance of his drama Eviction, but the piece had little political significance, and this censorship only gave it unmerited notoriety.

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

AN adjourned meeting of the Municipal Corporation was held, yesterday afternoon, in the Council Hall of the Municipality, the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula presiding.

MUNICIPAL AUDITOR.

Dr. N. N. Katrak, who asked for and was granted urgency, proposed that the Corporation received with regret the intimation of the death of Mr. N. R. Ranina, who had been an auditor of municipal accounts for a period of 23 years, and that a committee be appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the qualifications of applicants for the post of an auditor and recommend to the Corporation three most eligible candidates, the committee being composed of Sir George Cotton, Mr. Vithuldas Damodher Thakersey, Mr. N. G. Gamadia, Dr. K. Katrak, Dr. Viegas, Mr. K. N. Wadia and Mr. Wacha.

Sir George Cotton having seconded the proposition it was carried.

PRESIDENCY BANKS BILL.

Mr. K. N. Wadia asked for priority for the consideration of the following letter to the President from the Secretary to Government, General Department, dated the 13th December last:—"I am directed to forward herewith copy of a letter from the Government of India, dated the 10th ultimo, and accompaniments, relative to a proposal to relax the restrictions imposed on the business of the Presidency Banks, and to request that Government may be favoured with the views of the Corporation on the question. I am to request the favour of an early reply."

Mr. Wadia proposed that the above letter be referred to a committee composed of the President, Mr. Vithuldas Damoder Thakersy, Mr. N. G. Gamadia, Mr. Cuffe, Sir George Cotton, Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram, Mr. Wacha, Dr. N. Katrak, Mr. Munmohandas Ramjee, Mr. Sayani, Mr. Rahimtula Khairaj, and Mr. Wadia, with a request to consider the same in consultation with the Municipal Commissioner and to report their views at an early date to the Corporation.

The proposition being duly seconded was carried.

FAREWELL ADDRESS TO THE RETIRING GOVERNOR.

Sir George Cotton asked for priority for the following notice of motion, which stood in the name of Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, Bart.:—"That a farewell address be presented by the Corporation to H. E. Lord Sandhurst on his approaching retirement from the office of Governor of Bombay. That a committee be appointed to draw up the address. That on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the Corporation will be prepared to sanction the sum requisite for a silver casket in which to enclose the address."

Sir George Cotton said that as unfortunately Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy was unable to be present at the meeting, he desired to move the proposition which must be considered at that meeting. It was not, he said, his intention to say much in support of the proposition, because he felt sure that what the Corporation desired to say would be said by their Committee in the address. The members of the Corporation would agree with him that Lord Sandhurst had shown entire sympathy with the Corporation throughout in the police question and several other questions that had been placed before him for deliberation and final settlement. It would be remembered that when Lord Sandhurst came to Bombay, one of the first things he did was to ask the members of the Corporation to be present at Government House that he might have an opportunity of making personal acquaintance with them. It was certainly through the direct intercession of his Excellency, who went to Calcutta for the purpose, that the Corporation received the large sum they did in the matter of the plague. He (Sir George) did not consider it advisable to say anything more about what had been done by Lord Sandhurst during his five years' regime, "because everything that they had to say would be said by the committee, who would be asked to prepare an address suitable to the occasion, and one which the Corporation would approve of. The committee to consist of the President, the Hon. Mr. Mehta, Mr. Setalwad, Mr. Sayani, Mr. Cuffe, Mr. Wadia and Sir George Cotton.

Rao Bahadur Vandekar seconded the proposition.

Mr. Wacha said that he wished that the proposition was not brought forward at all. But as it had been brought forward, members were placed in a very awkward position. Personally his own sympathies were with the spirit of the resolution moved by Sir George Cotton. (Hear, hear.) So far as his Excellency's personal conduct towards the Corporation was concerned no doubt he had dealt with that body very handsomely in the matter of plague expenses and particularly in the matter of police charges. Lord Sandhurst had done a great service to the municipality when its finances were in embarrassed circumstances, and when the Corporation was practically at its wit's end. No doubt his lordship came to their aid in regard to the police charges, which had been a burning fire so long and which was a legacy left for them from the time of Lord Harris if not of Lord Reay. Happily Lord Sandhurst was able to solve the difficult problem, and his lordship accordingly deserved the best thanks of the Corporation for the same. Having said so much in favour of the proposition, he begged to point out to the Corporation one thing, and it was that whenever might be their individual views on that subject, the outside opinion seemed to be very unfavourable to the Corporation doing anything in the shape of presenting a farewell address to his Excellency. There had been a feeling outside the Corporation that his lordship's general plague administration was disastrous to the city. The population of Bombay seemed to be very much vexed at the administration.

The Hon. Mr. Burke here rose and enquired if Mr. Wacha was justified in referring to the outside feeling in the matter.

Mr. Wacha agreed with Mr. Burke that the Corporation had nothing to do with outside opinion, but it became a delicate question for them at that stage to decide one way or the other in the matter. Personally he was in sympathy with the resolution, but at the same time he must say that he wished that the resolution was not brought forward so as to commit the Corporation to one thing or another. He could not help saying that outside opinion was against an address being given to the retiring Governor.

Mr. H. S. Dikshit said he did not know how outside public opinion had any thing to do with the matter. He did not think that the Corporation would be acting unjustly if they gave the go-by to outside opinion. He, however, agreed with Mr. Wacha when he said that the matter should not have been brought forward at all. Sir George Cotton, who had moved the resolution, had not made out a case for a farewell address. Both Sir George Cotton and Mr. Wacha thought that a case had been made out because his Excellency was chiefly instrumental in recovering for the Corporation a large portion of plague expenses and setting the question of police charges at rest. Against that it was stated that his lordship had curtailed the rights of local self-government, particularly with reference to the appointment of the Plague Committee and the Improvement Trust, who trenched upon the rights of the Corporation. Lord Sandhurst did nothing more than justice when he received from the Government of India for the Corporation a certain amount of money, which was admittedly wanted on accounts of the mismanagement of the Plague Committee. Looking at it from a lawyer's point of view he did not think that a case had been made out for an address.

The resolution was then put to the meeting and carried, Mr. Dikshit being the only dissentient.

BUDGET ESTIMATES.

Dr. Katrak then moved that the Corporation should proceed with the consideration of the budget estimates for the year 1900-1901. He said that last year when the budget was considered, the then state of affairs as well as the prospect looked gloomy indeed. The Corporation had failed to float their loans in the market and had consequently to pay heavy interest to the Bank of Bombay for temporary loans. The Plague Committee had spent money like anything, and the people wondered that if the money was to be spent at the same rate during subsequent plague epidemics where the whole thing would end. Besides the exact extent of the Government contribution towards the plague expenditure was not known. Again, the corporation had to make provision for the cost of the re-organised Health Department and the first contribution to the City Improvement Trust. The result was that the taxation had to be raised to the maximum allowed by law, and still a deficit in the budget was anticipated. Realising the gravity of the situation the Corporation passed more than one resolution (1) with a view of trying to secure more revenue, and (2) reduce the overgrown expenditure. Dr. Katrak said that it would not be right to say that all that had now changed, but there was no doubt the present state of affairs had put on a more cheerful appearance and the prospect, though not free from anxiety, was certainly not so gloomy as it appeared last time. The Municipality had succeeded in floating their loans at reasonable rates. The Government had made a substantial contribution of Rs. 14 1-2 lakhs towards the plague expenditure, which he hoped was only a part of what was finally decided to be due to the Corporation. The plague expenditure had been reduced to a smaller figure, viz., (Rs. 8,40 000), and the revenue even in such times of general depression retained that tendency to expansion which was such a peculiar feature in normal times. It was a pity the Standing Committee could not propose any reduction of taxation, but Dr. Katrak hoped that his successor or one after him might have that satisfaction.

The last budget opened with an estimated balance of five lakhs of rupees and closed with one of Rs. 8,05,000. But even that balance of five lakhs was fictitious in as much as a sum of Rs. 1,19,400 had to be deducted to meet an estimated deficit in that budget. The budget under consideration opened with a balance of 14 lakhs of rupees and closed with one of Rs. 14,28,000. The process by which the sum of Rs. 8,05,000 (the last year's closing balance) swelled into an opening balance of 14 lakhs was significant as it showed the expensive character of revenue as well as the case with which the expenditure was disbursed. There was a surplus of over 2 1-2 lakhs over and above the budget estimate for 1898-1899, of which Rs. 84 000 was excess of revenues and over a lakh and a-half being the savings in expenditure during that year. Then again a sum of nearly 3-4 lakh was estimated as an increase in revenue and nearly 4 lakhs as savings in expenditure for the current year. The last item of Rs. 4 lakhs was chiefly made up of savings in the Health Department to the extent of Rs. 2 lakhs—the department being not yet fully reorganised—and of Rs. 1,87,000 for savings in respect of Municipal debt, the heavy rate of interest for temporary loans from the Bank of Bombay being no longer required to be paid. After making a provision for further grants to the extent of Rs. 2,36,000 that might have to be made up to the end of the year—rather a high figure—and after making other additions and deductions of minor importance, the sum of Rs. 14 lakhs have been arrived at. By the revised estimates lately circulated, it would, however, be seen that the opening balance for the coming year was to be better by Rs. 94,566, which was made up of a further increase of revenue by Rs. 78,000 and Rs. 16,566 being a further saving in the expenditure. Hence the real opening balance was Rs. 14,94,566.

The income for the next year had been estimated at Rs. 85,20,000 which added to the opening balance of Rs. 14,94,566, gave a grand total of over one crore of rupees. That estimate was better than that of the current year by Rs. 20,500. The last sum was principally made up of estimated increases in the following items:—General tax Rs. 41 000. This sum was likely to be exceeded as the assessments of the Government and Port Trust properties were under their periodic revision. Rs. 5 000 in wheel tax. Rs. 2,000 in Licenses. Rs. 13,000 in receipts from Tobacco Duty, though in fairness the Corporation were entitled to a far larger sum than Rs. 1,99,000 estimated in the budget; Rs. 23,000 in Halalkore tax; and Rs. 1,23,000 in water tax. The last included a sum of Rs. 54,800, for water used for road watering purposes. The figure of Rs. 18,87,000 for water tax was made up of Rs. 6.55.000 from water tax, Rs. 7,30,000 from water revenue by meter measurement, Rs. 31 000 from meter hire, &c., and Rs. 4,71,000 for water used for Municipal purposes, an item which was of the nature of a book entry, and Rs. 8,000 in market receipts and some increases and decreases on minor heads. So far income side was on the whole satisfactory.

The expenditure for the next year was estimated at Rs. 84,92 094 which was more than that of the current year by Rs 5,42,694. The increases under the different heads were of different characters. Some were of the nature of permanent increases in the Municipal expenditure, *e.g.*, Rs. 4,75.000 for the contribution to the City Improvement Trust, Rs. 1,80,851 in Municipal debt, Rs. 54,800 for water used for road-watering purposes—a matter of simple book entry, Rs. 13,400 for the cost of working the new air compressor station at Love-Grove, Rs. 3,480 for working one gully flushing engine, and Rs. 2,000 for insurance fund. There might be a permanent increase of Rs.30,000 or more for Police charges. Certain increases were for the year only, e.g., Rs. 90 000 for the higher price of hay, grain, &c., for bullocks and horses due to famine; Rs. 10,000 for general election, and Rs. 3,100 for a new gully flushing engine. Other increases were of a temporary character, *e.g.*, Rs. 15,000 for the three charitable Municipal Dispensaries lately opened, Rs. 10,000 for commission on the collection of Town Duties, and Rs. 1,000 for feed of animals at the Victoria Gardens. Lastly, there were some increases which were of the nature of investment, *e. g.*, Rs. 25,000, the annual contribution to the worn out water mains renewal fund, which had to be stopped for the last three years owing to financial embarrassment, and Rs. 48,261 for new works of a useful character.

The loan works budget for the current year opened with an estimated balance of Rs. 3,47,993 and closed with one of Rs. 6,94,832. The revised estimates, however, gave an opening balance of Rs. 8,01,029 for the next year's budget. It was proposed to raise a loan of Rs. 20 lakhs already sanctioned, and one of Rs. 10 lakhs, being a part of a loan for sewerage and water-works purposed but not yet sanctioned by the Corporation, giving a total of Rs. 38,01,029. Out of that sum works costing Rs. 37,24,116 were proposed for the next year, leaving a balance of Rs. 76,913 on the 31st March 1901. Out of the sum of Rs. 37,24,116, Rs. 17,31,805 was proposed to be spent in connection with the various loans already raised, Rs. 41,117 for works sanctioned to be carried out from savings on different loans: Rs. 5,10,012, for works to be sanctioned out of the savings on different loans; Rs. 6,40,000 from loans to be raised, and Rs. 8,00,000 for plague expenditure.

Out of the total Municipal debt of Rs. 493 lakhs, as much as Rs. 202 lacs had been spent on water-works, for which over Rs. 13 lakhs had to be paid for Interest and sinking fund, and yet the city suffered from water famine. Dr. Katrak said it was the bounden duty of the Corporation to take measures to improve their water-supply and prevent any complaint on the score of the scarcity of water. On drainage works Rs. 136 lakhs had been spent, and yet nearly two-thirds of the city remained to be drained, that showed how necessary it was to conserve as much as possible all the resources to meet the demands that would be made on them. But so long as plague remained, so long would the Corporation have an anxious time of it. It was no doubt a satisfaction that plague expenditure had been transferred to the loan account, and yearly provision had been kept at Rs. 8 lakhs; but even that Dr. Ka rak said, was a heavy drain, as it added nearly Rs.70,000 every year to the Municipal expenditure for interest and sinking fund charges, and it was so difficult to say when the city would be rid of it. He suggested by the Commissioner the Corporation ought to urge upon Government the absolute necessity of relieving the Corporation of the 50 per cent. of plague expenditure demanded in their representation. He said that the time had come to consider whether reduction could not be made in plague expenditure. The three years' experience had shown the futility and uselessness of many of the measures undertaken with a view to stamp out plague. Besides, it was a question whether side by side with a reorganised, Health Department, a plague establishment, at least in the drop at present maintained, was at all necessary. He appealed to the Commissioner to try his utmost to reduce plague expenditure, as he believed a sum of Rs. 8 lakhs was a heavy item to be wasted every year for which there was practically no return. He refrained from criticizing plague administration, but he hoped that there was ample room for reduction in the establishment charges and for materials used. All the same, the Corporation ought to congratulate themselves on having secured the services of Mr. Harvey who looked after the interests of the Municipality with consummate ability and conscientiousness and whose sympathetic administration had given satisfaction all round.

Mr. Muljl B. Barbhaya seconded the proposition.

Mr. Wacha remarked that the revised estimates given in the budget did not enable them to form a clear idea of the progress made by the Municipality in regard to their finances. Referring to the saving of two lakhs of rupees in the expenditure of the Health Department, he desired to know whether it was due to economy or to certain grants in connection with that department having remained unutilized. He deprecated the system of underrating revenue while preparing budgets and showing a large surplus at the end of the year. This was called trick of trade or book-keeping. He did not like that sort of book-keeping, and he was sure the Government of India did not allow it in their system of keeping accounts.

The Municipal Commissioner remarked that the revised estimates referred to by Mr. Wacha were estimates for the current year, and by the very nature of things it was not possible to give exact figures. Those figures were only useful as a guide to the Corporation to see what their estimates for the forthcoming year should approximately be. As to the question of under-rating income the Commissioner said there was a special reason why they should be very cautious and not to overestimate revenue to be derived from the general tax, water tax and halalkhore tax. This was absolutely necessary in view of the possible stoppage of the mill-industry in Bombay, and he referred that in the event of such a stoppage taking place the Municipality might lose something like three lakhs and a quarter. He had been unable to find out either from the Mill-owners' Association or from any individual mill-owner what they as a body were going to do. On the other hand it was very possible that some of the mills would be closed, and they would lose a large proportion of the revenue to be derived from the sources he had mentioned. Under these circumstances he felt chary of making a large increase in the revenue to be got from those taxes. As regarded the income side he hoped that in the future they might look forward for some increase under the head of general taxation on account of the operations of the City Improvement Trust. With regard to the saving of two lakhs effected in the expenditure of the Health Department he said the overestimate last year was due to a mistake on their part, the figure having been overestimated under the impression that they would be able to reorganize the department in the course of the year. In the present budget care had been taken to give estimates as accurately as possible and there was a special reason for being very strict in the matter. Their powers of taxation were now limited and it was absolutely necessary for them to convince the public when the Corporation asked for a loan that their finances were in a sound condition. In concluding his remarks the Commissioner said he did not think that their general financial prospects were particularly bright. Their whole difficulty had arisen owing to plague expenditure and he thought they would ultimately have to make a further representation to the Government in regard to sharing that expenditure. The Government were at present hard pressed for money, and he did not think that the present was a very favourable time for making their application, though it should not be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Wacha thanked the Commissioner for the very lucid manner in which he had placed the financial position of the Municipality before the meeting.

The proposition was carried.

INCOME.

The Corporation then passed the income side of the budget at Rs. 99,20,000.

The Corporation then adjourned.

GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO THE MAHARAJA OF KOLHAPUR.

HIS EXCELLENCY LORD SANDHURST paid a return visit to his Highness Sir Shahu Chhatrapati Maharaj, G.C.S.I., Maharaja of Kolhapur, at his temporary residence, at Walkeshwar Road, yesterday morning. A guard-of-honour, consisting of one hundred rank-and-file of the 2nd Bombay Grenadiers, was drawn at the Maharaja's bungalow, with band and regimental colours to receive his Excellency. About half-past 8 o'clock in the morning a deputation from his Highness, consisting of Mr. Subnis, Prime Minister; Mr. Shirgaoker, Revenue Councillor; and three Sirdars waited on Lord Sandhurst at Government House. His Excellency, accompanied by Mr. S. W. Edgerley, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, in the Political Department, Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Owen, Military Secretary; Mr. A. M. T. Jackson, I.C.S., Private Secretary; Mr. Mirza Abas Ali Baig, C.S., Oriental Translator to Government, and Captains A. D. Young and Berkley Levett, Aides-de-Camp, proceeded to the Maharaja's bungalow in a state-carriage-and-four; the members of the deputation following in another carriage-and-four. As the state carriage entered the compound the guard-of-honour presented arms and the band played the National Anthem. A salute of seventeen guns was fired from the saluting battery to announce the Governor's arrival. Lord Sandhurst on alighting was received by the Maharaja and Colonel Wray, Political Agent, who conducted his Excellency to the reception hall. A *nazar* was then presented, which, according to the custom, was touched and remitted. The presentation of flowers and *attar* terminated the proceedings. Lord Sandhurst then returned to Government House, the usual formality being observed on his departure from the Maharaja's bungalow. A salute of seventeen guns was fired.

DEPARTURE OF INDIAN TROOPS.

THE Transport Ujina (Captain J. Kilpatrick) sailed yesterday afternoon, for Durban, with the "J" Battery R. H. A. from Bangalore, consisting of 7 officers, 3 warrant officers, 1 staff sergeant, 179 non-commissioned officers and men, 10 native soldiers, 39 followers, 3 servants, 12 chargers, and 288 horses. The Battery was brought to Bombay in two trains, the first arriving about 5 a.m., and the second followed half-an-hour later, while a third conveyed the animals, drafted from 1st Bombay Lancers; 4th Bombay Cavalry and 1st Lancers Hyderabad Contingent; in charge of Captain C. E. Baynes. In each case the work of unloading the trains commenced immediately and the embarkation of the animals and equipment was expeditiously carried out. The Battery is under command of Major Enthoven and the other officers are:—Captain Carbyn, Lieutenants Monkhouse, Hine-Haycock, and Broughton of the "J" Battery R. H. A.; Major Power, R. A. M. C.; Captain C. E. Baynes, 2nd Bombay Lancers, Sergeant Majors Ritchie and Sorby, R. A.; and Sergeant Major Lister, R. H. A. During the embarkation another lascar belonging to the Government Dockyard was kicked on the head and the patient was sent to hospital for treatment. Brigadier General F. Ventris, Commanding the Bombay District, Major C. P. Triscott, D. S. O., and Captains Aitkin and Crawford, of the District Staff Office, were present at the embarkation.

It is notified that Transport Nankin will sail from the Jetty Shed, Prince's Dock, Bombay, on the 15th instant, with the following detail for South Africa:—(i). 5 horses of 15th Bengal Lancers, 30 horses of 2nd Bengal Lancers. 30 horses of 16th Bengal Cavalry, and 100 Jodhpore Imperial Service horses from Muttra which will be railed from Deolali on the evening of 14th instant in a troop-train, arriving at the Prince's Dock, at 5-40 a.m. (local time), the following morning. (ii). 110 Imperial Service horses from Jodhpore will arrive by the B. B. & C. I. Railway in a troop-train at about 6 a.m. (local time) on the morning of the 15th instant at the Prince's Dock.

Major O. Todd, R. A. M. C., proceeded in medical charge of "A" Battery, R. H. A., to South Africa, on board the s. s. Urliana, on the 8th instant.

ROYAL BOMBAY GOLF CLUB.

FORTY-TWA COMPETITION.

A FURTHER competition in connection with the Forty Two Medal took place yesterday morning. There were 24 competitors, the result being that Messrs. A. T. Spalding and J. A. Jeffery tied for first place. The ground is very hard, inclined to crumble on the surface, and the greens are becoming somewhat rough. Play was by bogie, and the best returns are as follows:—

	Handicap.	Score.
Mr A T Spalding	1	1 up
Mr J A Jeffery	7	1 up
Mr J Silven	scr	all even
Dr Macdonald	+2	1 down
Mr R Lean	2	1 down
Mr W H Reid	2	1 down
Mr D Miller	2	2 down
Mr J R Boyes	4	3 down
Mr C W Francis	3	4 down

COOLIES AND SHIP PASSENGERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I arrived in Bombay by one of the British India Steam Navigation Company's boats the other morning from Karachi and landed at the Victoria Dock wall. The vessel had no sooner touched the wharf when a whole horde of coolies rushed on board, climbing over the ship's side, long before the gangway was passed over, and seized the passengers' baggage. This they hauled about with a great deal of noise and hustling before passing it over the ship's side on to the wharf. It was a perfect pandemonium let loose. For this they demanded most exorbitant charges of eight and twelve annas, and if they did not get what they wanted, one had to put up with a torrent of abuse. Cannot the B. I. authorities arrange to keep these coolies in order, and not to allow them to rush on board as they do to their annoyance of passengers or better still cannot they adopt the system they have in regard to outgoing passengers and arrange to convey the baggage from the ship to the wharf by their own coolies. This would be a great convenience and would be greatly appreciated by the passengers. I did not see a single European police officer, or for the matter of that a native bobby either, on duty at the wharf on the arrival of the boat to regulate the traffic and keep the victoria-wallahs in order. These latter were quite as bad as the coolies and would not take the passengers unless they agreed to pay rupees one to two for distances for which the regulated tariff is annas eight to twelve. I trust this will meet the eye of our energetic Commissioner of Police and that he will arrange to do the needful in future.—Yours etc.,

W. B.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., to-day, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Plague. Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	2	2	13
B Mandvi, Chukla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	2	3	22
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Panaswadi, Bhuleshwar Khara Talao and Kumbharwada	13	7	52
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Malabar Hill	6	4	20
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	11	4	77
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	1	3	17
G Mahim and Worlee	1	0	16
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-resident and unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	18	45
Total	49	46	292
Total plague deaths to date	52,334	51,513	
Same date last year	54	31	170

DAMAUN.

ON Tuesday, the 9th instant, there were five deaths from plague in Damaun. Outside the Fort of Upper Damaun, a Doobli died near Jootoom Baug and a Mahomedan girl died in Khaki Vad. In Lower Damaun, Kaka Premchand Doluth a respectable Shrawak Bania, who was attacked in the mandwa in Chokdi, succumbed to the disease. Also a Doobli girl in Katheria and a Doobia at Beshrol became victims to plague.

BOMBAY RACES, 1900.

First entries closed on Tuesday, 9th January, 1900,

1ST DAY, SATURDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY 1900.

The Stand Plate—Distance 1 mile.

1 Mr Hyde's b aus g Kelso
2 Mr W A Cochrane's b e m Rags (aged)
3 H H the Maharaja of Jodhpore's br am h Brave Himyar
4 H H the Maharaja of Jodhpore's b e h UpGuards
5 Mr A Sattar's ch aus g Redoubt (by wire)
6 Mr R J Hunter's b or br aus g Gulliver by Marvellous—Terara (6 years)
7 Mr Milward and Aga S Shah's b aus m Allie (5 years)
8 Mr Lyndon's b aus g Tubal Cain II (8 years)

The Importers' Plate—Distance 5 furlongs.

1 Messrs Tulloch and Allan's ch aus g. Terapore by Far-Niente—Necklet (3 years)
2 Messrs Tulloch and Allan's ch aus g. Harkaway by Wheatmeat—Advent (aged)
3 Mr R G Baldock's br aus g, Iyhu by Englade—Marchesa (aged)

The Bombay Derby—Distance 1 1-4 miles.

1 H H the Aga Khan's g a h, Mehraj (aged)
2 Mr S C P g a h Shanavaz (aged)
3 Mr S C P ch a h Chand (aged)
4 Mr Ali bin Talib's ch a h Khaboor
5 Mr S A W's ch a h Golden Bridge (5 years)
6 Mr A R Amer's ch a h Defender 13 3 1-4
7 Mr Ali bin Amer's b a h Hyderi (aged)
8 Messrs Mathuradass Goculdass and Anandji Nanji's b a h Baldie
9 Mr J H Cama's b a h Kapurthala 14-0
10 Mr Rienzi's b a h Regal (by wire)
11 H H the Maharaja Holkar's ch a h Shangh (aged)
12 H H the Maharaja Holkar's br a h Chieftain (aged)

The Tom Le Mesurier Stakes—Distance 7 furlongs.

1 Mr Hyde's b a h Nevermore, 13 3
2 Mr S C P s g a h Special, 13 2 1-2 (aged)
3 Mr Flower's bl a h President, 13 3 7-8 (aged)
4 H H The Maharaja of Jodhpore's b a h Nimrod, (by wire)
5 H H The Maharaja of Jodhpore's b a h Young Rex, (by wire)
6 Mr S A W's ch a h Jehangir, 13 3 1-4

13 H H Maharaja Holkar's br a h Chieftain (aged)
14 Mr. Lyndon's ch a h Eclipse

The Town Plate—Distance 1 1-4 miles.

1 Mr Hyde's, b a h Nevermore 13-3
2 Mr S C P's g a h Special 13 2 1-2
3 Mr Flower's, bl a h President, 13 3 7-8
4 H H The Maharaja of Jodhpore's b a h Angler (by wire)
5 H H The Maharaja of Jodhpore's b a h Nimrod (by wire)
6 Mr S A W's g a h Arbid 13 3 1-4
7 Messrs G K and D D's b a h Pehlwan 13 2 3-4
8 Mr A R Amer's ch a h Defender, 13 3 1-4
9 Mr J H Cama's b a h Kaparthala 14 0
10 Mr Rienzi's b a h Behram, (by wire)
11 Mr Shaik Essa Khalifa's, b a h Nepal 14-0
12 Mr Lyndon's b a h Squire 13 3

The Asian Stakes—Distance 6 furlongs.

1 Aga S Shah's, ch a h Chester 13 0 1-2
2 Mr Hyde and Aga S Shah's, b a h Conqueror 13-2
3 Mr S C P's ch a h Panala 13 2 3-4
4 Mr S C P's g a h Special 13 2 1-2
5 H H The Maharaja of Jodhpore's b a h Young Rex (by wire)
6 Mr Fischer's, ch a h Governor 13 2 3-4
7 Mr S A W's, b a h Rejected 13-3
8 Col Monteith and Mr Bland's, ch a h Paleface 13-3
9 Mr Ali bin Amer's, ch a h Pretender 13-2
10 Messrs Mathuradass Goculdass and Anandji Nanji's b a h Nobleman 13-3
11 Mr Farmer's, g a h Orphan (by wire)
12 Mr Milward's g a h Thunder 13 2 1-2
13 Mr. Abdool Aziz bin Saif's, g a h Analza 13-2

The Dwarf Stakes—Distance 1-2 mile.

1 Aga S Shah's, ch a h Chester 13 0 1-2
2 Mr Hyde and Aga S Shah's b a h Conqueror 13-2
3 Mr S C P's, g a h Hawk 13-2
4 Mr A Sattar's, Fan (by wire)
5 Captain Purvis's b a h Advocate 13 1 3-4
6 Mr Farmer's g a h Orphan 13 1 1-2 (by wire)
7 Mr. S A W's, b a h Advance 13-2
8 Messrs G K and D D's b a h Muktar 13-2
9 Mr B's, g a g Twilight 13-2
10 Mr B's, g a g The Clown 13-1 3-4

The Lawn Stakes—Distance 6 furlongs.

1 H H Aga Khan's br e m Peerless 13 1 1-2
2 H H The Maharaja of Jodhpore's b e m Flying Queen 13-2
3 H H The Maharaja of Jodhpore's ch aus g Tight Rope, late Blonden 13 1 1-2
4 Mr J B's ch aus m Lady Yetman (by wire)
5 Mr J B's br aus g Erie, (by wire)
6 Mr A Sattar's, br aus m D V (by wire)
7 Mr Farmer's, ch aus m Tucker (by wire)
8 Mr Meiward and Aga S Shah's br aus m Kezia

4TH DAY, SATURDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY 1900.

The Byculla Club Cup—Distance 1 1-2 miles.

1 Mr W A Cochrane's, b e m Rags (aged)
2 Aga S Shah's, br aus h Burleigh (4 year)
3 H H The Maharaja of Jodhpore's br aus h Brave Himyar
4 H H The Maharaja of Jodhpore's b e h Up Guards
5 Mr A Sattar's b aus h Enfil (by wire)
6 Mr R J Hunter's b or br aus g Gulliver by Marvellous—Terara (6 years)
7 Mr Milward and Aga S Shah's, b aus m Ailie (5 years)
8 Mr Lyndon's, b aus g Tubal Cain II

The Importers' Handicap—Distance 6 furlongs.

1 Messrs Tulloch and Allan's ch aus g Harkaway by Wheatmeat—Advent (aged)
2 Messrs Tulloch and Aiuan's ch aus g Terapore by Far Niente Necklet (3 years)
3 Mr R G Baldock's br aus g Iyhu by Enfilade —Marchesa (aged)

The Turf Club Cup—Distance 1 1-2 miles.

1 Mr Hyde and Aga S Shah's, b cb m Evensong
2 H H Aga Khan's, b a h Yilldiz 5 years
3 Mr S C P's ch a h Chand (aged)
4 Mr S C P, g a h Shanavaz (aged)
5 H H The Maharaja of Jodhpore's b cb m Bijlie (3 years)
6 Mr Ali bin Talib's ch a h Khaboor
7 Mr S A W's ch a h Golden Bridge
8 Mr Ali bin Amer's, b a h Hyderl (aged)
9 Messrs. Mathuradass Goculdass and Anandji Nanji's b a h Baldie
10 Mr J H Cama's b a h Kaparthala 14-0
11 Mr Rienzi's b a h Regal (by wire)
12 H H the Maharaja Holkar's, ch a h Shanghai (aged)
13 H H the Maharaja Holkar's br a h Chieftain (aged)
14 Mr Lyndon's, ch a h Eclipse

The Final Plate.—Distance 6 furlongs.

1 Mr Hyde's b a h, Nevermore 13 3.
2 Mr S C P's g a h, Special 13 2 1-2.
3 Mr S C P's ch a h, Panala 13 2 3-4.
4 Mr Baldrey's b a h, Brigand 13-3.
5 Mr Flower's bl a h, President 13 3 7-8.
6 Mr A Sattar's g a h, Lucifer (by wire).
7 Mr Fischer's ch a h, Governor 13 2 3-4.
8 Mr B A W's ch a h, Jehangir 13 3 1-4.
9 Messrs G K and D D's b a h, Pehlwan 13 2 3-4.
10 Mr H R Amer's ch a h, Defender 13 3 1-4.
11 Messrs Mathuradass Goculdass and Anandji Nanji's b a h, Nobleman 13 3.
12 Mr Rienzi's b a h, Behram (by wire).
13 Mr Mitward's g a h, Thunder 13 2 1-2.
14 H H the Maharaja Holkar's br a h, Merryleg 13 3 3-4.
15 Mr Lyndon's bra h, Squire 13 3.

The International Stakes.—Distance 1 mile.

1 H H the Maharaja of Jodhpore's ch aus m, Pansy 13 2 3-4.
2 H H the Maharaja of Jodhpore's b e m, Flying Duchess 13.
3 Mr Cassum Abdoot Rehman's ch aus g, Guy Fawkes 13-3.
4 Mr J B's b aus m, Nancy (by wire).
5 Mr A Sattar's Beceles (by wire).
6 Major Gough's ch aus m, The Fawn 13 2 1-2.
7 Mr Lyndon's b aus m, Waress 13 3.

The Small Pony Handicap.—Distance 7 furlongs.

1 Aga S Shah's ch a h, Chester 13 0 1-2.
2 Mr Hyde and Aga S Shah's b a h, Conqueror 13 2.
3 Captain Purvi's g a h, Moonlight 13 2.
4 Mr Farmer's g a h, Orphan 13 1 1-2 (by wire).
5 Messrs G K and D D's ch a h Muktar 13 2.
6 Mr Ali bin Amer's ch a h, Pretender 13 2.
7 Mr Abdool Aziz bin Sail's g a h, Analza 13 2.
8 Mr B's g a h, Twilight 13 2.
9 Mr B's g a h, Ali Baba 13 1 1-2.

Second and final entries close on Tuesday, 23rd inst.

CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W.I.T.C.

Bombay, Jan. 10.

EXTRA RACES FOR 4TH EXTRA MEETING.

SATURDAY, 13th JANUARY 1900.

Entries closed on Thursday, 11th January, at 10 a.m.

The Mixed Stakes—Distance 1-2 mile.

1 Mr R G Baldocke's br aus g Iyhu by Enfilade—Marchesa (aged)
2 Mr R Hunter's ch aus m Albicore by Somerset—Daphne
3 Messrs Tulloch and Allan's ch aus g Harkaway Wheatmeat—Advent (aged)
4 Messrs Cavanagh and Martin's ch aus m Light by of the Age (aged)
5 Messrs Cavanagh and Martin's b aus m Valerygang by Yellow Hammer—Mabel (aged)
6 Mr G Hunter's ch aus g Kettledrum (aged)
7 Mr G Hunter's ch aus g The Tayler by Chisholm —Womerah (aged)
8 Mr R J Hunter's bor br aus g Wilfred (pedigree unknown) (5 years)
9 Mr Frankland's b aus m Poissard (5 years)

The New Stand Plate—Distance 1-2 Mile.

1 Mr Baldrey's g a h Bandsman 13 2 3-4
2 Major W Kirk's b a h Steward 13 2 1-2
3 Mr Thomas b a h Kilva 13 2 1-2
4 Mr S A W's b a h Advance 13 2
5 Mr Mollison's ch cb g Sandy 13 2 1-2
6 Mr Farmer's ch cb g Adoration by Adonis—cb mare 13 1 1-4

The Heavy Weight Stakes—Distance 5 furlongs.

1 Mr Farmer's ch a h Expert 13 3
2 Mr Farmer's ch cb m Quality by Silvermane—cb mare 13 3
3 Captain Young's g a g Electric's 13 3
4 Mr Jackson's b a h Marvellous 13 2 1-2
5 Mr Moochool Shah's b a g Pilgrim 13 3
6 Mr B's g a g Twilight 13 2

CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W. I. T. C.

Bombay, 11th January 1900.

MAJOR-GENERAL YULE, who left Natal invalided, was expected to arrive in England about January 7. After reporting himself at headquarters, he will go to the West of England to endeavour to recruit his health. After this he is reserved for an important post at headquarters.

A FULL Ceylon Company of Imperial Yeomanry has been secured, and sixty horses have been obtained from India with early direct shipment from Bombay. The remainder have been provided by the Volunteers themselves. At a meeting of the Ceylon Legislative Council on Thursday, H. E. the Governor announced that the Contingent would be armed with Lee-Metford rifles and would sail on the 25th instant. He thanked H. E. the Viceroy for consenting to supply trained horses, and announced that Madras would supply the saddles. The proposed gift of Ceylon tea amounts to 24,000lbs.

SMOKE "RICHMOND GEM"—Cigarettes in round air-tight tins of 50, of all Tobacconists.

ART, MUSIC AND DRAMA.

MR. LLOYD'S FAREWELL TOUR.

DR. JOACHIM'S VISIT ABANDONED.

NEW OPERA AT THE STRAND.

LONDON, DEC. 22.

MR. EDWARD LLOYD has, on the advice of Mr. Vert, his manager, and of some of his most experienced friends in the provinces, found himself obliged to postpone his farewell tour, though not, of course, the farewell itself. For this the "war slump" is solely responsible. From almost all parts of the country come reports that the concert business is temporarily in a most depressed state. The wealthy residents, who, of course, are the main supporters of such entertainments, have just now other ties, and, no doubt, other inclinations; and except, perhaps, as to the serial concerts given by the local choir or orchestra, concerts in towns of medium size are just now not a source of profit. In garrison and seaport towns matters are worse, and projected concert tours are being cancelled in all directions. It had been Mr. Lloyd's intention to start early next month a farewell tour in the smaller towns, afterwards proceeding to the larger cities. The tour was mapped out, and the dates fixed; for a great war to disturb such engagements never, of course, entered the heads of managers. Under the circumstances, the farewell of the smaller towns will now, with a few exceptions, be given up; and during the greater part of the spring the eminent tenor will rest. The farewell of the large cities will begin in October, immediately after the Birmingham Festival, and will last until December, when, or perhaps a few weeks later, Mr. Lloyd will, as already arranged, bid final adieu to the public at a concert at the Albert Hall.

Dr. Joachim has relinquished his intention of coming to England this winter, although it is hoped that he will pay us a visit later on, when the weather is milder and the times are more propitious. Dr. Joachim's annual visit to this country have, we believe, been unbroken for thirty-five years, although in his earlier career he came in the summer rather than in the winter, for the Monday Popular Concerts in the sixties more than once extended into July. Dr. Joachim is fairly well in health, although it may readily be understood that a veteran who next June will enter his seventieth year, is necessarily cautious in undertaking an engagement which necessitates frequent travelling through the provinces during an English winter.

During M. Paderewski's voyage out to New York, a concert was given on the Oceanic for the Seamen's Charities and the great pianist took part. The audience was necessarily a limited one, but the people were enthusiastic, and the proceeds were large. On arriving at New York M. Paderewski confided to the interviewers that he had not been in America since 1896, that he had since gained fifty pounds in weight, and that he was glad to see the United States once more. His recent marriage he declined to discuss and, indeed, it must have been a reporter of strange taste—or want of taste—who invited him to do so. His first New York recital was last Tuesday week, and his tour, which extends to the City of Mexico, will last four months.

Next Wednesday a benefit is to be given at the Renaissance, Paris, in aid of fund to raise a monument at the Cimitiere Montparnasse in memory of the late Alfred Holmes. In furtherance of this scheme, it is officially stated that "Alfred Holmes, of Danish origin, had adopted France as his country." No doubt it is particularly galling to some of our French friends to have to admit that any musician (at any rate since Purcell) ever come out of England. But Alfred Holmes (not Holmes, as the French have it) was British born and bred, and, except perhaps from the Vikings, he had not a trace of Danish descent. He was born in London, a son of Thomas Holmes, an amateur from Lincoln, and as a child of ten he was a boy chorister at the Oratory, which then was established on the site of Toole's Theatre, King William-street, Strand, Indeed, only the last dozen years of his life did he spend in Paris.

It is not very often that a millionaire wields the baton. San Francisco has, however, it seems, in Mr. Emil Brugiere, jun., a wealthy young man with two harmless fads, namely, music and clothes. His wardrobe is said to include twenty-five suits, with two dozen fancy waistcoats and fifty coloured shirts and ties to match. As a musician he has two orchestras, one to assist him in composition and one which he will conduct at performances; the work upon which he proposes to start being a music drama in the Wagnerian style. All, therefore, that seems now to be required is an audience.

The Italians are complaining because so few of the artists engaged this winter at some of the leading opera houses bear well-known names. But the managers are perhaps wise to endeavour to secure fresh voices. At La Scala, Milan, the season will open next Tuesday with "Siegfried," followed a night or two later by Verdi's "Otello." The novelties will be Puccini's "La Tosca," Galeotti's "Anton," and Tschaikowsky's "Eugeny Onegin." At Tunis "Iris" and "La Tosca" are announced; and at Rome Massenet's "Cendrillon" and Mascagni's "Maschere."

The Incorporated Society of Musicians has appointed a committee, including Dr. Prout and Mr. Cummings, to take steps to pass a law for the registration of musicians. The advantages and difficulties of such a scheme have already been well discussed but the Incorporated Society is a representative body and its views will doubtless have full weight. The musicians have indeed more than once endeavoured to enlist the sympathy of the Government of the day with a scheme which is primarily intended to discriminate between the qualified teacher and the imposter. The proposal which seems to find most favour is that the qualified man shall be registered, and he alone shall be permitted to sue for his fees. This would, it is thought, overcome the difficulty of the nursery governess, who although not perhaps qualified as a professional musician, is perfectly competent to teach the children the elements of music.

Much may be excused in a new comic opera, produced for a single representation only, at a matinee in the week before Christmas. The performance of "The Past Master," a work by Mr. Norman Prescott and Mr. Basil Davies, at the Strand, on Thrusday, certainly left a very great deal to be excused, not only on the part of the artists, some of whom, from a musical point of view, appeared to be more or less in the amateur state; but also on the part of the orchestra, despite the fact that the band, it seems, had enjoyed no fewer than three full rehearsals. But Mr. Basil Davies has given them a task unusual in this class of work, and some of the delicacies of his orchestration appeared to perplex them, especially as the composer, who rather imprudently elected to conduct in person, is by no means an ideal orchestral chief. Mr. Davies, however, who is, we believe, still in his teens, and was, it is said, a pupil of Dr. Stanford, is distinctly a composer of promise, although at present he shows comparatively little individuality. Mr. Prescott's story is based upon a comparatively old idea. A certain present-day Baronet, immersed in scientific studies, has invented a tabloid, by which he believes he and those who partake of it can be transported in the future. His name is Sir Christopher Columbus, and his example in taking the drug is followed by his wife, his ward, Beryl, her sweetheart, a lieutenant in the Royal Navy and a French hatmaker, who had inopportunely called for his little bill. Instead, however, of a peep into the future, the Baronet and his companions are transported into the past, arriving at the self-same Chesney Manor in the reign of Henry VII. It is true that neither librettist nor musician is afraid of a mere anachronism, unless, indeed, it can be proved that Gounod and Offenbach, two composers for whom Mr. Basil Davies obviously has a profound admiration, were living at the close of the fifteenth century. As to the author, like so many of his colleagues in comic opera, he does not care a straw for the period of the play; and, accordingly, besides a topical song upon a question of modern hats, we have a reference to the French gutter journalism, and to the personality of President Kruger. Chesney Manor is made rather too hot to hold the nineteenth century party, who, accordingly, decide to sail across the seas and discover America, a bevy of up-to-date American girls figuring prominently in the last act. A love duet between Miss Norah Maguire and young Mr. Richard Temple, and the inevitable unaccompanied (or almost unaccompanied) part song in the finale, together with a melodious duet between Miss Essington and Mr. Wynnstay, as a pair of fifteenth century sweethearts, are among the best of the musical numbers. The comic part of the middle-aged tabloid inventor was capitally played by Mr. Sidney Harcourt; while that experienced artist, Miss Alice Cook did what she could for the conventional role of the Baronet's strong-minded wife.

The management of the Lyceum is not only first in the field with its Christmas entertainment, it has given us in the musical drama entitled "The Snow-Man," produced on Thursday evening, a piece which, in its fanciful and legendary spirit, is thoroughly in harmony with the Christmas season. The play has no doubt defects; it is, to begin with, too long, for its two acts and six tableaux occupied last night nearly three hours and a half in the setting forth of a story which is in its essentials somewhat slight. The notion of the Snow-Man, who having been endowed, like Frankenstein's monster, by occult means with life, freezes all he comes in contact with, is certainly over elaborated—more particularly in the second act. After all, two or three examples of his freezing powers are as good as twenty or more. But the successive scenes partly in fairyland and partly in "the quaint old town of Bruges," are brilliant and animated the mediæval costumes, designed by Mr. Walter Crane, not forgetting those worn by the little children, whose games and rompings among the good-natured Burghers and other towns-folk are very picturesquely varied, and the music of the piece, composed by M. Banes and Mr. Walter Slaughter comprises some charming numbers, to which justice was done by the vocalists of the company. Holiday audiences, it is true—or, at least, the juvenile portion—cannot be expected to penetrate into the allegorical significances of M. Laurencin's story, which furnished the substance of the French piece to which Mr. Sturgess is more directly indebted. But they can understand that the Fairy has changed her lover, Prince Splendid into a snowman as a punishment for his indifference and has kept him without a heart. Whence the perpetual freezing with which he is afflicted, till in the end the spell is broken by the same power that created it. Nor is there anything very recondite in the notion that the fairy, by her magic transformation, achieves a double purpose, since it enables her to befriend the two lovers, Franz, the poor student, and Lisa, the daughter of the Burgomaster, who has jestingly promised that he will consent to their union when Franz accomplishes his cherished object of discovering the secret of how to confer life upon inanimate objects. For the rest, the spectacular character of the play, the graceful dances, and the choruses sung by Mr. Stedman's choir of boys and girls will commend the piece to the favour of holiday spectators. Prominent in the extensive cast were Mr. Courtice Pounds, as Franz; Miss Marie Elba, who makes a very attractive Ariella, and sings with grace and feeling; Mr. J. J. Dallas, who, with Mr. Cheesman, as the Burgomaster, furnished the only approach to humour in the piece in the character of Crooked Sixpence, the Good-for-Nothing Fairy; Miss Ruth Davenport whose good voice and style told more effectively than her acting in the part of Lisa, the Burgomaster's daughter; Master George Hersee, who played a little boy with remarkable intelligence; and Mr. Murray King, as Mark, an imbecile suitor for the hand of Lisa. The Snowman met with a very favourable reception.

Mr. Jerome's comedy "Miss Hobbs," which, after a promising career in New York was brought out at the Duke of York's Theatre on Monday night, is rather simple fare to be set before the latter day playgoer, but there is no harm in it. On the contrary, it is perfectly wholesome and inoffensive, and as it is amused the audience and finally secured a very favourable reception, there is no more to be said on that head. Its story is a sort of mild and modernised "Taming of the Shrew," with just a suggestion in its heroine of a de-poetised Princess Ida. Miss Hobbs, it is true, presides over no ladies' college with "sweet girl graduates," but she is not the less a champion of woman's rights with a somewhat unfavourable estimate of the rougher sex, and her country seat near Cowes is a rendezvous for rebellious wives and young ladies whose lovers have given them real or imagined grounds for sulking and avoiding their company. In particular, Miss Hobbs has been successful in stirring strife in the household of Mr. Percival Kingsearl, whose wife is one of the converts to the new doctrines and it is Kingsearl's denunciations of this secret disturber of his domestic peace that suggests to an old college friend of his, whose name, by some strange coincidence is also Kingsearl, to lay a plan for Miss Hobbs' humiliation. It takes the form of a wager that he will kiss the Lady before a month is past and celebrate the triumph at a banquet to be given at a certain hotel. But deceived by the identity of surname, Miss Hobbs mistakes Mr. Woolf Kingsearl for Mr. Percival Kingsearl, her friend's husband, and when the stranger makes love to her she takes this for an additional proof of the perfidy of man. Thus it is that Miss Hobbs, in her turn, concocts a plot for the gentleman's humiliation. Pretending to be a lady's maid she invites Mr. Woolf Kingsearl to visit her at the residence at Cowes, where she contrives that he shall be kneeling at her feet when Mrs. Kingsearl enters, only, however, as it proves, to assure her that she knows nothing of the gentleman, in the kneeling posture. Subsequently Miss Hobbs finds a pocket-book which reveals to her the secret of the wager, and for no very plausible reasons she determines to restore it in person to Mr. Woolf Kingsearl, the owner, aboard his yacht off Cowes. The scene in the yacht is the most amusing in the piece. With rather more simplicity than might be expected in so militant a defender of her sex, Miss Hobbs allows herself to be persuaded that a fog has sprung up, and that the yacht has dragged her anchor and is drifting in some peril. Upon this the lady visitor, instead of looking through one of the portholes and seeing with her own eyes that there was no fog, entreats her host to repair their disaster. But if he is to do the man's part it is pointed out that she must do the woman's particularly in the matter of grilling certain chops and laying the cloth for lunch. At first the lady refuses, but the sound of the foghorn diligently blown on deck by Kingsearl's friend, George Jessop, promptly brings her to her senses, and the little incident affords Kingsearl a text for dilating at some length upon the Lady Ida's doctrine that "Woman is not undeveloped man, but diverse." The fourth act, it need hardly be said, brings this Benedick and Beatrice more closely together—in what precise way it would be unfair to tell. It will be seen that Mr. Jerome inclines to what has been called "the shirt-button and rolling-pin ideal of woman's destiny." At least his hero, capitally played by Mr. Herbert Waring does. Miss Evelyn Millard plays in a very pleasing vein, though not with any great spontaneity, the part of Miss Hobbs; while Mr. Allan Aynesworth infuses humour and spirit into the character of Percival Kingsearl. Mr. Cosmo Stuart also afforded much amusement by his impersonation of the good-natured, empty-headed Jessop; Mr. Macdonald imparted character to the little sketch of Sands, the captain of the yacht, and Miss Susie Vaughan played Mrs. Kingsearl's elderly aunt with an agreeable blend of authority and humour. The play, as we have said, was very favourably received but a call for the author only elicited from Mr. Lestoq the statement that Mr. Jerome is on the Continent.

MR. SPENCER EDDY, the second Secretary of the United States Embassy in Paris, who has just paid a flying visit on business to the Embassy in London, acted as private secretary to Mr. Hay during his "regime" in Victoria-street as American representative at the Court of St. James's. Subsequently he acted in a similar capacity at Washington on the appointment of Mr. Hay as Secretary of State. Mr. Eddy received his education at St. Paul's School, and also at Berlin, Heidelburg, and Paris, graduating at Harvard in 1895. During his visit to this country, where he is well known in Clubland, the young diplomat had some excellent shooting at Lord Elcho's seat in Gloucestershire, and will shortly leave Paris on a special mission to Egypt.

A CLEVER burglary was committed on December 20 in the Paris offices of the Sleeping Car Company in the Boulevard Hausemann. An iron safe was forced and robbed to the extent of some £6,000. The street door had not been forced, but had evidently been opened with a skeleton key. The padlock with its letter combination was wrenched off from the safe and a dynamite cartridge exploded inside by means of a fuse. The door was bulged out by the force of the explosion, and was then wrenched off with a crowbar. A short jemmy was found lying close to the safe, and also a glove, the buttons of which showed it to be of English make. Beyond these articles the thieves left nothing behind likely to lead to their identification and the police say they can only belong to the cleverest English or American cracksmen.

SMOKE "RICHMOND GEM"—Cigarettes in round air-tight tins of 50, of all Tobacconists.

B. V. R. CYCLING CLUB SPORTS.

THE second annual cycling and athletic sports of the Bombay Volunteer Rifles' Cycling Club commenced yesterday afternoon on the Marine Lines Maidan and will conclude on Saturday evening. There was a large gathering of spectators, both inside and outside the enclosure. Yesterday's programme contained seven events, all of which were well contested. The ground was well prepared, but still at some points it was too hard for cycling, and some of the competitors had nasty falls. The following are the results:—

Quarter Mile Bicycle Club Championship. (Members and Honorary Members.) 1st Prize—The "Finklestein" Challenge Cup—Value Rs. 100 (presented by F. Finklestain, Esq.), and Gold Medal. 2nd Prize—Silver Medal, with Gold Centre. 3rd Prize—Silver Medal. Present Holder—Mr. J. R. Allen.

1ST HEAT.

L. O. F. Sealy 1
H. J. Smith 2
Time; 42 3-5secs.

Hugh Doherty took the lead and would have secured the first place, but for the fall he had at the north turn, which gava an easy victory to Sealy. Smith came second and he had a tumbls at the winning post.

2ND HEAT.

A. C. Warner 1
F. H. Claridge 2
Time: 39·ecs.

G. Hunter, the third man came to grief at the same point on the course. He was badly bruised and cut about the face, arms and legs. His left arm was also sprained.

FINAL.

F. H. Claridge 1
A. C. Warner 2
L. O. F. Sealy 3
Time—37 4-5sec.

First in each heat and fastest loser ran in the final. 100 Yards Handicap Foot Race. Members of the Bo. Voi. Rifles only.)

1st Prize—Value Rs. 15, presented by Messrs J. A. Karkbride and Co., 2nd Prize—Value Rs. 10. 3rd Prize—Value Rs. 5.

1ST HEAT.

Sergent F H English (5 yards) 1
Sergeant H Royal (5 yards) 2
Time 11 1-5secs,

2ND HEAT.

Volunteer A G Speechly (5 yards) 1
Volunteer H A Stone (5 yards) 2
Time 11 2-5secs,

3RD HEAT.

Cadet A Creagh (4 yards) 1
Sergeant P J Boylette (5 yards) 2
Time 11 2-5secs,

4TH HEAT.

Volunteer V Gibbons (scratch) 1
Cadet J Kershaw (4 yards) 2
Time 11 2-5secs,

FINAL.

Volunteer V Gibbons 1
Sergeant F H English 2
Volunteer A G Speechly 3
Time 10-45secs.

EVENT No. 3.—Two Mile Bicycle Handicap. Open to all Comers. 1st Prize—Value Rs. 50, presented by Messrs. Marcks and Co. 2nd Prize—Value Rs. 30, presented by Messrs. F. Coronaglia and Co. 3rd Prize—Value Rs. 25, presented by Messrs Ardisher Jamsetjee Umriger.

F J Commissariatwalla (220 yards) 1
H J Smith (80 yards) 2
Hugh Doherty (scratch) 3
Time: 5min 10 2-5secs.

There were in all thirteen competitors and there was a very exciting race, R Corbett took the lead and maintained that position until the fifth round, when he had an unfortunate fall. F. J. Commissariwalla out-paced all and secured a victory, Smith and Doherty coming second and third respectively.

Ladies' Half Mile Bicycle Handicap. (Members only). 1st Prize—Value Rs. 50 presented by the "Victoria Sewing Machine Mart." 2nd Prize—Value Rs. 30, presented by Messrs. J A Kirkbride & Co. 3rd Prize—Value Rs. 30. Presented by Messrs. Priest & Co.

Miss G. Brown (10 yards) 1
Mrs. L. A. Carpenter (25 yards) 2
Miss B. Beniston (scratch) 3

The race was run in very good order, took the lead in the first half round and then that position was taken by Mrs. Carpenter. In the second round Miss Brown overhauled her rival and won

Sack Race, 75 Yards, (Members of the Bombay Volunteer Rifles only.) 1st prize—Value Rs. 15. 2nd prize—Value Rs. 10. 3rd prize—Value Rs. 5. Presented by Messrs. Robert Portar and Co., Bottlers of Bass's Ale and Guinness's Stout, Bull Dog Brand.

Volunteer H. A. Stone 1
Volunteer J. Peters 2
Cadet Fitzpatrick 3

The event was contested in three heats amidst roars of laughter. Several competitors were seen rolling on the ground and their vain attempts to get up created great amusement amongst the spectators. The above is the result of the final heat.

Half Mile Bicycle Club Championship. (Members and Honorary Members.) 1st Prize—The "Lund" Challenge Cup—Value Rs. 100, (presented by Messrs. Lund and Blockley) and Gold Medal. 2nd Prize—Silver Medal, with Gold Centre. 3rd Prize—Silver Medal. Present Holder—Mr. J. R. Allen.

F. H. Claridge 1
Hugh Doherty 2
G. Hunter 3
Time 1 min. 14 secs.

Run in a very smart manner, and was only marred by an accident to Warner, the tyres completely came off the wheels of his machine but luckily he escaped unhurt.

Quarter Mile Handicap Obstacle Jost Race (Members of Bo. Rol. Rifles only). 1st prize—Value Rs. 20 (presented by Messrs. J. Neuberg and Co.) 2nd Prize Rs. 15 and 3rd Rs. 10.

Volunteer A. G. Speechly (20 yards) 1
do J. L. Collins (scratch) 2
do H. A. Stone (10 yards) 3

The event proved very amusing.

The sports will be continued this afternoon on the same Maidan, at 3-30 p.m.

NIGHT OPERATIONS.

WE read a good deal of night operations in the present campaign. Some—such as the sorties from Kimberley, and two sorties lately from Ladysmith on the 8th and 10th of this month, when the Boer positions were rushed and several heavy guns destroyed by our Royal Egineer officers with guncotton—were eminently successful, while one night march and assault—that of General Gatacre on the Stormberg position on December 10th—was, to put it mildly quite unsuccessful. A short summary of night operations, and the necessary preparations before any such delicate and difficult work is undertaken, may be of interest.

The work of reconnoitring before an attack of any sort is of the first importance, but, in the case of a night attack, without previous reconnaissance (except by a miracle) a successful result cannot be expected. The important points to be noted in night operations are:—(a) The ground to be passed over should have been reconnoitred both by day and night; (b) Each column should have only one objective; (c) Columns should not be subdivided; (d) Everything should be as simple as possible—no complicated movements. These are difficult even in the daytime—how much more so by night? (e) The enemy should be surprised, and have no inkling beforehand of what is about to happen. For this secrecy until the actual start is absolutely necessary.

The difficulty of night operations may be summarised as:—Preserving the correct direction; avoiding straggling, or losing touch with the column, as panics are liable to occur, since men at night are highly strung, and noises, &c., are exaggerated. Troops, unless thoroughly under discipline are liable to open fire without orders, and by so doing may fire on their own men. During the night march before Tel-el-Kebir in 1882, a slight deviation from the intended direction very nearly brought the two wings of our force face to face, and but for the care of the officers and the excellent discipline of the men a collision would have occurred under the impression that the enemy had been met.

As instances of night attacks, we may quote the successful assault on, and capture of, Kars by the Russians in 1877. Kars was a first-class fortress, held by a suitable garrison of Turks, with a large number of guns. The Russian Army, under the Grand Duke, had been for some weeks before the fortress. The assaulting columns had been given their objective, and each column both by day and by night, in large or small numbers, reconnoitred the ground from its camp to the objective—that is, the fort it was finally to assault. These reconnaissances were carried out continually, and the Turks never knew when the assault was to be delivered. When the Grand Duke made up his mind to assault he issued his orders for that assault, and until within half an hour of the time not even his staff knew of the intention.

Take another instance. The same troops who had successfully stormed the fortress of Kars some days after that event were given the task of making a night attack on the village of Erzeroum, held by the retiring Turks, and practically undefended. The Turks had just commenced to mount some guns and dig some trenches but nothing was ready when the Russians arrived before the place. Without proper reconnaissance the Russians by night advanced to assault. The result was a fiasco. Columns missed their way; some did not arrive near the scene till next day; in more than one case the Russian columns fired into each other.

This short sketch will, it is hoped, enable our readers to follow out operations by night in the South African campaign, and judge for themselves the real causes of failure where failure occurs.—*Daily Graphic.*

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

(*Bombay Government Gazette*, Jan. 11.)

CIVIL APPOINTMENTS, &c.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Rao Saheb Gopal Moreshwar Sathe, Reporter on the Native Press, is granted furlough for seven months and a half.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Rao Saheb Govind Narayan Kelkar, Subordinate Judge Athni in the district of Belgaum, is appointed to be a Magte of the First Class in that district.

The following gentlemen passed on the 2nd Jan an examination according to the Higher Standard in the vernacular languages mentioned opposite their names:—Mr Mangesh Hari Wagle, B A, LL B, Gujarati and Mr Antodas Hargovandas, B A, LL B, Marathi.

Mr A E L Emanuel, I C S, Asst Colr in the district of Ahmedabad, is appointed to be a Magte of the First Class in that district.

The Governor in Council is pleased, under the provisions of Sect 3 (1) of the Mamlatdars' Courts Act, 1876, to specially authorize the following officers in the Ahmednagar District to exercise the powers of a Mamlatdar under the said Act:—A'zam Govind Salcharam Godse, Head Karkun, taluka Nagar; A'zam Balwant Ramkrishna Saptrishi, Head Karkun, taluka Parner; A'zam Vishnu Ramchandra Saraf Head Karkun, taluka Shrigonda; A'zam Ganesh Vaman Deshmukh, Head Karkun taluka Karjat; A'zam Tatyaji Ganesh Mahajan, Head Karkun, taluka Jamkhed; A'zam Laxman Ranchandra Tekade, Head Karkun taluka Shevgaon; A'zam Krishnarao Pandurang, Head Karkun, taluka Nevasa; A'zam Chintaman Yadav Date, Head Karkun, taluka Kopargaon; A'zam Hari Bahaji Paithankar Head Karkun, taluka Sangamner; A'zam Laxman Balaji Jagatpure, Head Karkun, taluka Akola and A'zam Ramchandra Vyankatesh Gondrajadkar, Head Karkun, taluka Rahuri.

The Governor in Council is pleased, under the provisions of Sect 3 (1) of the Mamlatdars' Courts Act, 1876, to specially authorize the following officers in the Ahmednagar District to exercise the powers of a Mamlatdar under the said Act:—A'zam Syed Abu Bakar El Edrus, Extra Head Karkun, taluka Viramgam; A'zam Umedbhai Jethabhai, Extra Head Karkun, taluka Dhandhuka; A'zam Ranchhodlal Vanaji, Extra Head Karkun, taluka Dholka; A'zam Ambalalral Chhaganlal, Extra Head Karkun, taluka Prantij; A'zam Nandlal Bhoglal, Extra Head Karkun, taluka Daskroi; A'zam Ambalal Madhavlal, Extra Head Karkun taluka Sanand and A'zam Chhotalal Parmottam, Extra Head Karkun, taluka Gogha.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr K C Rushton, Asst Supt of Police, Ahmednagar, to be Asst Supt of Police, Sholapur.

The powers of a Magistrate of the First Class conferred by Govt Notification No. 252, dated the 14th Jan 1899, on the undermentioned officers in the district of Dharwar, and any other powers since conferred on them under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, being no longer required, are, under Section 41 of the Code, withdrawn:—Rao Bahadur Vithal Vaikunth Wagle, First Class Subordinate Judge, Dharwar; Khan Saheb Ezra Reuben, Second Class subordinate Judge, Haveri and Rao Saheb Vasudev Daji Jogiekar, Second Class Subordinate Judge, Hubli.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following appointments vice Khan Bahadur Najmudin Ali Mahummad, retired:—Mr S A Whitue to be Fourth Grade Depy Collr, Sind; Rao Bahadur Chandumal Gopaldas to be Fifth Grade Depy Collr, Sind and Khan Saheb Wali Muhammad Hasan Ali, B A LL B, to be Sixth Grade Depy Collr Sind.

Mr C N Seddon, I C S, passed an examination in Persian according to the High Proficiency Test on the 8th Jan.

FAMINE DEPARTMENT.

Dr T A Starkey to be additional District Medical Officer under the Famine Code for the district of Khandesh, is cancelled.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Dr E H Moore to be additional Dist Medical Officer under the Famine Code for the district of Khandesh.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Lieut Col C Monks, I M S, to be Port Surgeon, Aden.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

The services of the Rev C Stewart, Chaplain of Hyderabad Sind, are replaced at the disposal of the Govt of the Punjab, with effect from the date of relief.

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GOLF AND GOLFERS.

WHEN the news reached this country that the 2nd Battalion Royal Highlanders, the regiment to which "Freddy" Tait is attached, had taken part in the disastrous advance of Lord Methuen's force on Magersfontein, there was a natural anxiety on the part of all followers of the Royal and ancient game of golf as to the fate of the gallant young lieutenant. Then when it transpired that in the official return of casualties published the following day the name of Lieutenant Tait was included in the list of wounded there was a universal feeling of regret. There has been no definite news as to the nature of the wound, but I have heard two rumours just previous to forwarding these notes—the first to the effect that Lieutenant Tait had been shot through both legs, and the second to the effect that the injury was in the shoulder blade, which had been shattered. It is to be hoped that the former is the correct version as, from a golfing point of view it is the more preferable, because, provided that the injury is not permanent, it would not seriously interfere with his game. He is a golfer who can ill be spared, and I am glad to say that, from the sources I have received the information, the rumour that he is shot through the legs is probably the more authentic, seeing that it arrived from Edinburgh. If universal sympathy would be of any assistance to Lieutenant Tait, he would certainly have a quick recovery, as from my own experience the wish is far from being confined to the golfing fraternity. In fact, hope for his speedy recovery is general amongst all who love a good athlete and a good sportsman—two distinctions which the young officer can certainly claim.

Considering the notable position Lieutenant Tait now occupies in the world of golf, his career may be termed a comparatively short one as only nine years have elapsed since he made his first public appearance, at the open meeting held at North Berwick in October 1890. Previous to this meeting, however, rumour had been rife as to the marvellous golfing ability of a young St. Andrews player called Tait, and golfers from the South came down with extraordinary tales as to the prowess of the young Scotsman in matches against the more seasoned exponents of the game. Naturally a great deal was expected from him on his initial public appearance in the tournament at North Berwick, and although he did not prove successful, falling in the penultimate round before Mr. David Anderson of Carnoustie still his was truly a case of the hardest of hard lines when driving to the last hole—the players at that time standing on equal terms, as from a very long drive, slightly pulled, however Mr. Tait was caught in the pathway under the edifice which serves as a workshop for Hutchinson, the clubmaker, an artificial hazard usually beyond the reach of the average driver, but well within the compass of the amateur champion of 1896 and 1898. After consideration, he had recourse to the use of a left-handed club, unearthed from Hutchinson's store, and, although he made an excellent recovery, it, nevertheless, left him too much to do, his opponent securing the hole in a well-played four. There was enough seen, however, of the quality of the game Mr. Tait could play to safely predict a brilliant golfing future for him. This reputation his past performances have certainly not belied.

It is in connection with the Amateur Championship, however, that the name of Lieut. Tait is chiefly associated. On eight occasions he has appeared as a competitor in this particular event, and on only two occasions has he failed to reach the semi-final round. The first was on his initial appearance in 1892 at Sandwich when he succumbed to Mr. F. A Fairlie, who was then in wonderful form, having successively secured, the medals of the Royal and Ancient and Prestwick clubs, and having also finished a meritorious first in the St. George's Challenge Vase against the whole field of amateurs who were taking part in the big amateur event. Mr. Fairlie's was a narrow victory, as Mr. Tait actually stood two up with three to play; but experience told in the long run, and Mr Fairlie secured the last three holes and qualified or the second round. At Prestwick, however in the following year Lieutenant Tait gave indication of the possibilities of a really brilliant future. In the very first round he was called upon to meet the then holder of the Open Championship, Mr. Hilton. At the fifth hole he actually stood three down, but playing up with that indomitable pluck which has invariably been such a feature of his game, Lieutenant Tait took the lead at the twelfth hole and never losing it proved successful by three up and two to play. Following Mr. Hilton came two experienced players, Messrs. Leslie Balfour-Melville and Greig, both of whom fell before the young St. Andrews player. Then came the greatest task of all—crossing swords with the twice ex-champion, Mr. J. E. Laidlay. The result was a great match—one of the most exciting in the history of the Championship, a halved match being the eventual result. At the nineteenth hole Mr. Tait had all the best of matters, but whereas Mr. Laidlay succeeded on the green, Mr. Tait, on the other hand, failed, and the chance of Championship honours faded away.

The following year at Hoylake was very similar to that Prestwick. Once more did the bronze medal fall to his share. When meeting Mr. Mure Fergusson in the semi-final round he was a strong favourite, and his previous form justified that position. He however missed his opportunity, and exhibiting nothing like the brilliancy he had shown in the previous ties, was eventually beaten by four up and three to play. A similar fate befell him in the following year, as after a brilliant succession of victories—included among the victims being Messrs. Colt, Laidlay, and Stuard—he was called upon to meet Mr. John Ball, Jun., for the first time. Lieut. Tait completely failed to exhibit his normal form, with the result that he was decisively beaten, actually never winning a single hole. He, however, enjoyed ample revenge in the succeeding spring at Sandwich, a year of triumph for the Black Watch representative, and with the disadvantages of what may rightly be termed a very hard draw indeed, he simply romped away with the championship, among his victims being Messrs. Hutchings, Laidlay Hutchinson, Hilton, and Ball, the last-named of whom, like Mr. Tait in the preceding year, never succeeded in securing one single hole until the match was finished. This was a victory which in its completeness has probably never been equalled in the history of the championships. The year of 1897 at Muirfield was a year of surprises. Mr. Tait was no exception to the rule, as he unexpectedly gave way to Mr. Greig early in the tournament; but 1898 at Hoylake saw him once more to the front, as after most protracted struggles, in several of which (particularly in that against Mr. Low in the penultimate round) Mr. Tait did not exhibit his very best form, he once more emerged victorious; whilst the sensational final with Mr. Ball at Prestwick this year is surely fresh in the minds of all golfers. Thus Mr. Tait holds a record only second to that of his great rival Mr Ball, and his percentage of successes, taking in to consideration the number of times he has taken part in the championship, is probably quite on an equality with that of the Hoylake celebrity.

At the specially convened general meeting of the Formby Club, held at the Exchange Station Hotel at Liverpool, on Thursday last, the proposal of the council of the club that a uniform subscription of £3 3s. should be paid by all members was supported by the necessary two-thirds majority of those present.

There was naturally a certain amount of discussion amongst the members, particularly as regards the amendment proposed by Mr. David Anderson and seconded by Messrs. Jessop and Hulton—who, it may be mentioned, were the representatives of an influential body of members who hail from Manchester—to the effect that the subscription of those who reside outside a radius of twenty miles from the Town Hall of Liverpool should be only called upon to pay £2 2s. The amendment, however, was eventually lost by a large majority. There is certainly something to be said for those who, on account of residing some considerable distance from Freshfield, have not the same opportunities of visiting the links that the local members have, but on the other hand, there are many members who live in the locality of Liverpool who have very nearly as much trouble in reaching the green as those who reside in Manchester. As an instance, it may be mentioned that the members who live at Hoylake are very seldom able to reach the Freshfield green under an hour and a half, and occasionally it is a question of two hours being spent, particularly on the homeward journey; whilst there are many other members who live on the outskirts of Liverpool who are in a similar position. In fact one member who is a Liverpool resident, told me after the meeting on Thursday that he actually lived nineteen miles from the links, and was never able to reach them under an hour and a half.

The increase will bring about the resignation of a certain number of members who, under existing circumstances, are not able to take advantage of the club as they would like to, but in comparison with clubs in the Metropolitan district even the members who live some distance from the scene are exceptionally well off, as in the first instance the members of all the leading clubs around London are called upon to pay an annual subscription of £4 4s. to £6 6s.; whilst the majority of the greens are no more accessible than the links of the Formby Club. In addition to this, the members of the latter body have the advantage of playing on one of the finest courses in the kingdom, a compliment which cannot be paid to many of the Metropolitan greens. But there are so many first-class links in Lancashire and Cheshire, that players do not appreciate them. They have advantages which are not enjoyed by any other golfers in the kingdom, and in a sense this is to be accounted for by the fact that the majority of the clubs enjoy exceptionally favourable terms as to the rent of the courses. I know one club in the Metropolitan district which pays £600 a year rent who have only a yearly lease, and to whose funds all members pay an annual subscription of £5 5s. Compare this with the advantages of our local clubs, and it will not be difficult to appreciate the situation!

H. H. HILTON.

Liverpool, Dec. 22.

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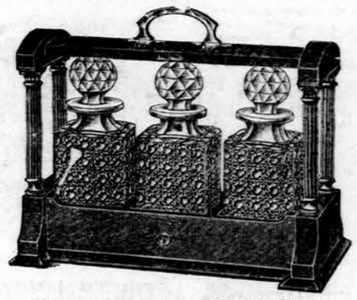
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